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## **APPLICATION FOR BMCC I-20**

## **DEADLINES**

## **Initial F-1 Students**

An "Initial F-1 student" is a student who is applying for a new F-1 visa.

	If applying for the Fall Semester	If applying for the Spring Semester
Documents Due	June 30	November 15
Reporting Date	August 1	January 1

## **F-1 SEVIS Transfer Students**

An "F-1 SEVIS Transfer student" is a student who is currently in the U.S. with F-1 status and has a valid I-20 from another school.

	If applying for the Fall Semester	If applying for the Spring Semester
Documents and SEVIS F-1 Transfer Form Due	July 15	November 30
Reporting Date	August 1	January 1

All affidavits, financial documents, and forms may be scanned and sent by email to: <u>internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu</u>

## All Students Must Provide the Following Information:

- 1. **Proof of Financial Ability:** You must prove your ability to afford the costs of studying and living in New York City without obtaining employment while here. You may use your own money or get a sponsor to cover these costs. Review the **Financial Documents Needed** and **Financial Document Requirements** sections for details.
- 2. Proof of Immigration Documents: Provide the following materials with your application.
  - A copy of the biographical page of your valid passport
  - Any U.S. visas (previous or current)
  - Any previously issued I-20s

#### All <u>F-1 SEVIS Transfer students</u> must also submit the following to the ISSO:

- Copies of all I-20s from previous schools
- Copy of valid passport biographical page
- Copy of F-1 visa (and any change of status documents, if applicable)
- Copy of most recent I-94
- Proof of financial sponsorship
- BMCC I-20 application form (see <u>pages five through seven</u>)
- SEVIS Transfer form, signed by a DSO at the current school

# BMCC cannot issue a Form I-20 until you meet all the financial and immigration requirements.

The issuance of a Form I-20 does not guarantee the approval of the F-1 (student) status by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or the approval of the F-1 student visa by the U.S. embassy or consulate office in your home country. BMCC highly recommends that students show original, notarized documents as proof of their financial status.

#### Attention for students from:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom.

Even though your country is a part of the ESTA/Visa Waiver program, <u>do not</u> enter the United States without an F-1 visa. If you enter without an F-1 visa, you will not be able to change your status after you enter the country or extend your stay beyond 90 days.

## FINANCIAL DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All financial documents must be less than three months old.
- The documents must be in English. For any document that is not in English, you must provide the document AND an official English translation.
- Original documents sent to BMCC will not be returned. Students should keep one set of original documents for their visa interview.
- If a sponsor is planning to give a student free room and board, the sponsor must fill out <u>the free room and board affidavit</u> and attach a copy of his or her valid lease agreement or deed for the relevant residence.
- If a student uses a scholarship as part of his or her financial proof, BMCC must receive a separate official document from the scholarship board to certify the scholarship amount and duration.

## **ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE 2016-2017 YEAR**

for one academic year (nine months/two semesters)

\$4,248.00
\$3,327.00
\$10,386.00
\$1,054.00
\$1,364.00
\$8,050.00

**Note:** Tuition and Fees stated are based on a student's taking at least 12 credits per semester. This is the minimum number of credits required to be a full-time student (necessary to maintain lawful F-1 status). For more information please visit <u>http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/bursar/</u> and click **Tuition & Fees Per Semester** on the left side of the webpage.

Note: All tuition and fee schedules are subject to change without notice at any time upon action by The City University of New York.

## FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

## If the student will Self-Sponsor (pay for <u>him/herself):</u>

Total required funds = \$56,900 approx.

Provide:

• Bank statement in the student applicant's name indicating an amount equal to the <u>full</u> cost of study for two years

#### If the student will be Sponsored by Other(s):

Required proof of funds = \$114,000 approx.\*

Provide:

• Sponsor's complete annual tax return showing annual income amount (W2 and/or 1040)

Or:

- Sponsor's bank statements from the past three months
- Annual income verification from employer (on company letterhead, stating full name of employee and salary)

\*If any sponsor has more than four dependents, that sponsor will be required to provide proof of additional funds.

- If you have a local sponsor who would like to provide you free room and board, the cash value to you is considered to be \$10,386. The free room and board sponsor must complete and sign the <u>Affidavit of Sponsor Providing Free Room and Board on page ten of this document</u> and attach a copy of the valid lease or deed.
- If your spouse and/or children will be accompanying you to the U.S., you must prove you or your sponsor(s) can provide an additional \$7,000 for your spouse and \$5,000 for each dependent child. Please complete the <u>Application for Dependent (F-2) I-20 on page eleven of this document</u>.

## BMCC cannot issue a Form I-20 until you complete all forms and meet all the financial and immigration requirements.

## BMCC I-20 APPLICATION FORM to be completed by student

Complete all of the following pages and submit to the ISSO before the deadline in order to be issued a BMCC I-20.

#### PLEASE USE A COMPUTER TO TYPE YOUR RESPONSES IN THE FIELDS BELOW.

#### WRITE ALL SIGNATURES IN PEN (BY HAND) AFTER PRINTING THIS DOCUMENT.

#### **RECEIVING YOUR I-20:**

#### Please check ONE of the following two options to indicate how you want to receive your BMCC I-20.

**Mail** my BMCC I-20 to the following location:

Name:

State	Zip Code	Country
State	Zip Code	Country
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area code, and phone number		
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ne United States, and he/she	will come to the ISSO	to pick up r
	/area code, and phone number 	

#### By completing this form, I authorize this contact person to receive and mail my I-20.

Contact Person's Full Name:
Phone #:
ACADEMIC INFORMATION:
Major:
Semester start date:
I plan to begin my studies at BMCC in the Fall / Spring of the year 20

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Today's Date:
Surname/Family Name (as written on passport):
First Name:
Middle Name:
Name Suffix:
Date of Birth: Gender: O Female O Male
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IMMIGRATION INFORMATION:
Admissions (I-94) Number: Found here: <u>https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html</u>
Country of Birth: Country of Citizenship:
Passport Number:
Passport Issuance Date:
Please check ONE of the following three options:
I have an F-1 visa. I have a visa, and I want to apply for an F-1 visa.
I have no visa; I need to apply for an F-1 visa.
Visa Issue Date: Visa Expiration Date:
Visa Issuing Post Name: (as listed on passport)
My current U.S. immigration status is: O F-1 O B1/B2 O J-1 O Other
If you selected "Other," please explain here:

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Permanent Address in Your Home Country (not a Unit	ted States address):
Street and Building Number:	
City:	
Province:	
Country:	
Postal Code:	
Telephone:	
Email Address:	
Current or Future United States Address:	
Street and Building Number:	
City: S	State:
Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Emergency Contact Person in the United States:	
Name:	_
Street and Building Number:	
City:	
State: Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	_
Relationship to you ( <i>e.g.</i> , friend, cousin, aunt, <i>etc.</i> ):	
By signing this form I certify that the contents and ans correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to ma BMCC and update the ISSO if any of my I-20 informa	intain lawful F-1 status as a full time student at

Signature of Student:

Sign here in pen!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT**

#### to be completed by sponsor

You may photocopy this page for completion by more than one sponsor.

**By completing this affidavit,** you are promising the United States government that you will provide this student with a specific amount of money for every year he or she is going to study at BMCC. By supplying the documents requested on the following page, you are also attesting that you can afford the support you are promising.

This affidavit is being su	bmitted on behalf of:		
0		Full Name of Student	
SPONSOR'S NAME:			
_	Last Name	Fir	st Name
SPONSOR'S ADDRESS	:		
Number and Stre	eet		
City/Town	State/Province	Postal Code	Country
	DECLARA	TION	
I hereby certify that I am	willing and able to provide		
		Full Name of	Student
with no less than	each year for nt in U.S. Dollars	yea	ars of study at the
Amou	nt in U.S. Dollars	Number of Years	
Borough of Manhattan Co	mmunity College. My relationshi	ip to the student is	
	<b>CNTS:</b> The following persons are <i>or wives who are supporting them</i>		
<u>NAME</u>		RELATIONSHIP	AGE

## AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES to be completed by sponsor

#### YOUR ANNUAL INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the following supporting documents:

• Complete tax return showing annual income amount (Forms W2 and 1040, if income is earned in the U.S.)

#### OR

• Letter from employer on company letterhead stating full name of employee, length of employment, and annual income

AND

• Employee's last three months of paystubs or copies of paychecks

#### SAVINGS DEPOSITS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Bank statements, which must be dated within the last three months and be in the sponsor's name. <u>Review Financial Document Requirements on page three for more information</u>. Any joint account holders must sign this affidavit in addition to the sponsor.

**By signing below**, you understand and agree that you are making a financial commitment to the student. Sponsors who fail to provide the promised support will force students to drop out of school. Sponsors should not expect the student to be able to help support any costs through employment in the United States. Employment is strictly regulated by the U.S. Immigration Service.

### **AFFIRMATION OR OATH**

I hereby affirm that I understand the contents of this affidavit and that the statements made are true and accurate.

Printed name of sponsor:		
Signature of sponsor:		Sign here in pen!
Printed name of joint savings account holder (if ar	ny):	
Signature of joint savings account holder (if any):	Sign above in pen (if applicable)	
Date:		

## AFFIDAVIT OF SPONSOR PROVIDING FREE ROOM AND BOARD

to be completed only by the person who owns or rents the residence

(cash value to the student: \$10,386.00)

All questions must be answered. A copy of the valid lease or deed in the name of the sponsor at the provided address must accompany the affidavit. Completing this affidavit of free room and board means that the room and board sponsor does not require the student to pay rent to live at the residence indicated below.

This affidavit is b	eing submitted on	behalf of:		
			Full Name of Student	
Name of Sponsor	providing free roo	om and board:		
Last Name	First	Name		
Address		City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number: _			Do you live at this address?	<b>O</b> YES <b>O</b> NO
The Room and Bo	oard Sponsor's rel	ationship to the stu	dent is:	
What type of resid	lence is being offe	red to the student?		
O Private	e House	O Apartment (	Check only one box in this line.)	
I am the OOwne	er 🔘 Renter of th	is residence. (Chec	k only one box in this line.)	
Number of Rooms	s in the residence:			
How many person	ıs total will be livin	ng there during the	student's stay?	
For how long will	you provide Roon	n and Board?		
to the stude	ent. Sponsors wh	o fail to provide the	nat you are making a financial con e promised support will force stud t the student to be able to help sur	lents to

costs through employment in the United States. Employment is strictly regulated by the U.S. Immigration Service.

## **AFFIRMATION OR OATH**

I hereby affirm that I understand the contents of this affidavit and that the statements are true and accurate.

### Printed name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here in pen!

## APPLICATION FOR (F-2) DEPENDENT (spouse or children of student) I-20 to be completed by student

If your spouse and/or children will be accompanying you to the United States, you must prove you can provide an additional \$7,000 for your spouse and \$5,000 for each dependent child.

Please review details regarding necessary funds—to be provided either by you (the student) or a sponsor—in <u>the Financial Document Requirements, Estimated Expenses, and Financial Sponsorship</u> Information sections, beginning on page three.

#### **INFORMATION ON DEPENDENT (F-2) SPOUSE AND/OR CHILDREN:**

(If more than one dependent will accompany you, please attach their information on a separate sheet of paper.)

Last Name:	
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Name Suffix:	-
Date of birth:	-
Country of birth:	
Country of citizenship:	
Gender: Relationship:	

#### **Documents needed:**

- Copy of F-2 dependent applicant's valid passport (biographical page)
- Proof of relationship to F-1 student (marriage license or birth certificate)
- Any previous I-20s issued to F-2 dependent applicant
- Any other U.S. visas issued to the F-2 dependent applicant

## **SEVIS F-1 TRANSFER PROCEDURES**

## If you are currently in the United States:

- Your SEVIS record <u>must</u> be released to BMCC in Active status within your 60-day grace period.
- You must submit all required documents to the ISSO by the deadline listed on page one of this application.

### If you are currently outside the United States:

- Your SEVIS record must be released to BMCC in Active status within your 60day grace period.
  - If you cannot have your record released in Active status, please contact a DSO in BMCC's ISSO for assistance: <u>internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu</u>
- You must submit all required documents to the ISSO by the deadline listed on page one of this application.
- Do not attempt to re-enter the U.S. on your former school's I-20. You must receive a new I-20 from BMCC for travel.
- If you have an F-1 visa from a previous visit to the U.S and it has not expired, you may travel directly to the U.S. with a new BMCC I-20 without visiting a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- If you have any questions about whether or not you need a new visa, contact the ISSO prior to traveling outside the United States.

## **SEVIS F-1 TRANSFER FORM**

to be completed by student and a Designated School Official

Student's Full Name:
Date of Birth:
Admissions (I-94) No.:
CUNYfirst/Empl. ID: SEVIS ID No.: N Issued by school – an eight- (8) digit number III applicable
I intend to transfer to Borough of Manhattan Community College for the semester. I hereby grant permission for the information requested to be made available to BMCC.
Student's signature: Sign here in pen!
Date:
INFORMATION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY A DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL (DSO):
The above named student intends to transfer to BMCC for the term stated above. We are requesting the following information so we may determine the student's eligibility for the transfer notification procedure. BMCC's SEVIS name is under "The City University of New York"; the school code is NYC214F00812002.
Was the student authorized to attend your school?
Has the student maintained full-time studies as defined in the regulations since obtaining status, including any certifications granted by you under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(iii)?
OYes   ONo   The student was last enrolled in the semester/quarter of
Dates:     TO
Please list all periods of any previously completed Practical Training (specify CPT or OPT) with beginning and ending dates:
Student released from SEVIS? OYes ONo Date released: *ATTENTION DSO: Please do NOT release records in Completed or Terminated status.*
Comments:
Name and Title:
Institution:
Address:
Telephone:        Email Address:
DSO's Signature: Sign here in pen
Date:

Please complete and return to student or scan and email to the International Student Services Office: internationalstudents@bmcc.cuny.edu.