



Birmingham Theological Seminary

Affidavit of Financial Support for International Students Academic Year 2009-2010

The United States Immigration & Naturalization Service requires all international students to demonstrate that they are financially able to support themselves for their entire period of study before they may be legally admitted. The student and/or their sponsor should complete this affidavit in its entirety and return it, along with the required proof of finances, to the applicant to be mailed to the Office of Admissions at Birmingham Theological Seminary. **If more than one sponsor will be providing funds, each sponsor must complete a separate affidavit.** Please make note of the following instructions:

1. Birmingham Theological Seminary has designed the tuition to be affordable to all students; therefore funds are not available for scholarships or loans to International students.
2. Birmingham Theological Seminary **does not have any on-campus jobs available** to International students.
3. As a rule, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service will not permit an International student with an F-1 Visa to work during their first year (two semesters).
4. **Students are not to rely financially** on funds generated from working in the U.S., as it is not guaranteed to be made available at any point during the student's stay in the U.S.
5. **It is essential to verify that sufficient funds are available to meet the student's cost at Birmingham Theological Seminary throughout the entire stay in the U.S. before the issuance of the Form I-20A-B/I-210D.**
6. Please read all information on the affidavit in its entirety and completely fill it out.
7. All financial information must include its equivalency in U.S. dollars.
8. The supporting documentation must be an official bank statement or on an official bank letter, originals only, no copies and must have verifiable signatures. Income tax statements, land holdings, salary declarations and proof of personal property are **not acceptable**.
9. The funds must be equal to or exceed the student's expenses for 48 months. The student may have more than one sponsor. **Each sponsor must state specifically the amount of funds and the time frame they are covering.** The documents must provide evidence that the sponsor maintains the necessary funds to cover all expenses for the International student as specified in their affidavit of financial support. This information must provide the date the account was opened, the specific amount of funds in the account, and be dated within three months of the intended date of enrollment.
10. For one calendar year*, costs are estimated to be US \$11,920.00, not including medical insurance. Based on your living arrangements this cost may vary slightly.
11. The sponsor and student must be willing to commit to this affidavit as a binding and legal agreement to provide support for the student during their 48 month time of enrollment or the specified time determined by the sponsor.
12. All fees must be paid in entirety by the day or night of each semester's registration.
13. The Dependent information sheet must be completed, if applicable. (an additional \$2,000.00 per dependent must be added)

14. The supporting financial documents must provide evidence that the student possesses a minimum balance of US \$5710.00 to cover their expenses for the first semester of study. In some cases, students may already have an existing bank account holding personal funds to be dedicated to study abroad that meet or exceed this amount. In other cases, the sponsor of the prospective student will deposit a minimum of US \$5710.00 into a bank account in the student's name to be dedicated for expenses for the first semester of study. Documentation provided must show that these funds are in the prospective student's bank account in the student's name, and must provide the date the account was opened, the specific amount of funds in the account, and must be dated within three months of the intended date of enrollment. If the student is using personal funds in a non US bank, the student should inquire of a bank official to make sure that they will not experience any difficulty in transferring the required funds from their bank account to their account in the US; the same is true for the sponsor.

**Estimated Expenses for one calendar year* at Birmingham Theological Seminary:
Amounts are subject to change without notice and do not include dependent expenses.**

1. Tuition and Fees	
a. Tuition	\$1680
b. Fees	<u>120</u>
	\$1800
2. Living Expense	
a. Housing	\$4500
b. Meals	2700
c. Clothing	700
d. Personal expenses	<u>900</u>
	\$8800
3. Other Expenses	
a. Books/Supplies	\$420
b. Transportation	<u>900</u>
	\$1320

Total estimated expenses = US \$11,920.00 (not including dependent cost)

***Calendar year** consist of the Fall and Spring semesters only. Additional funds would be required for the Summer semester. These are estimated expenses depending upon your particular situation they could increase or decrease.

Please Note: The official estimate is based upon **eight (8) credit hours** of coursework per semester. This is the required amount of hours for International students per Spring and Fall semesters.

**SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - VISA TYPE must be F-1**

- Requirements to admit F-1 status students to Birmingham Theological Seminary
- Please print clearly in black or blue ink
- **An asterisk (*) precedes the fields that must be completed**

Personal Information

*Family (Last) Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Suffix _____

*Date of Birth _____

*Gender _____

*Country of Birth _____

*Country of Citizenship _____

Program Information

Admission Number (assigned by INS on I-94) _____

Driver's License Number _____

Driver's License Issue State _____

Social Security Number _____

Individual Taxpayer ID Number _____

*Foreign Address _____

U.S. Address _____

*Education Level _____

*Primary Major _____

Secondary Major _____

Minor _____

*Normal Length of Study _____

*Program Start Date _____

*Program End Date _____

*English Proficiency _____

TOEFL Score of 600 required

Financial Information

Please provide specific dollar amounts.

*Number of Months in Academic Calendar year _____

*Tuition and Fees per Calendar year _____

A minimum of 8 credit hours is required.

*Living Expenses per term _____

Expenses for dependents per term _____

Other Costs per term _____

*Students Personal Funds _____

*Funds from other sources (Sponsor's) _____

***Please provide documents to support financial information**

***Please provide proof of medical insurance for you and any dependents**

I have submitted all required information to the seminary and the information is true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

Dependent Information – (This information must be completed for each dependent) Make additional copies as necessary.

*Family Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Suffix _____

*Date of Birth _____

*Country of Birth _____

*Country of Citizenship _____

*Gender _____

*Relationship _____

To be completed by Student and/or Sponsor

Students:

I, _____, hereby certify the following:

Print Student's Name _____

1. I have read and understand all information on this legal and binding affidavit and supplemental application form.
2. I understand that I must have sufficient funds to pay for all expenses, including health and accident insurance, medical costs, living maintenance, tuition and fees, books and supplies during my stay in the U.S.
3. I understand that my sponsor must be willing to and able to cover the above mentioned expenses during my stay as a student at BTS.
4. I understand that this document will be deemed unacceptable and returned to me (prospective student) if it is not properly completed or is lacking essential requested information.

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sponsor's:

I _____, financial guarantor for _____

Print Sponsor's Name _____

Print Applicant's Name _____

1. I certify that he/she will not become a public charge during his/her stay in the U.S.A.
2. I understand that the above stated amounts are subject to change without notice.
3. I certify that all information on this and any attached documents is true.
4. I understand that this affidavit is a legal and binding document.

Sponsor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Sponsor's Relationship to Student _____

Sponsor's Address _____

Sponsor's and or Student's Bank:

This is to certify that, in view of our professional relationship with the above-named client, who has had an account and/or conducted other business transactions through this bank, it is our conviction that he/she has sufficient financial means to provide the minimum above –mentioned estimated costs related to the student's study in the U.S. for the specified time periods. Further, to the best of my knowledge, he/she should experience no difficulty in transferring the required funds from our country to the student in the U.S.

I understand that this declaration is being made without incurring any risk, obligation or responsibility on the part of this banking institution.

Signature of Bank Official: _____

Printed Name of Bank Official: _____

Name of Bank: _____

Address of Bank: _____

Bank's International Phone#: _____ **Place Stamp or Notary Seal Here:**

Bank's International Fax: _____

Bank's E-mail Address: _____