



**Instructions (please read carefully). See the next page for the form to be completed.**

U.S. law requires that we have written documentation of financial support for all international students. We must receive this documentation before we can issue form I-20, which you need to apply for a student visa or to transfer from one school to another within the U.S.

- We require bank proof of support for one year of study in the form of a bank statement (checking/savings accounts) with sufficient funds.
- DO NOT submit long bank statements that include transaction history. The bank statement must belong to the person who is signing the Declaration of Finances form under **Certification**.
- All forms of documentation must be on official letterhead from the institution issuing the document and include the type of account, type of currency, and the equivalent USD amount or provide a reliable USD currency conversion. The documentation must be dated within the last 3 months. English translations are also required.
- Your parent or sponsor must sign in the space indicated, under "Certification." If you are receiving a government or private scholarship, a separate letter may be submitted. The letter must include the amount available for tuition, books and supplies, health insurance, and living and personal expenses.

The following documents are NOT accepted:

- Statements verifying employment and salary
- Insurance premiums and policies
- Property or personal assets (automobiles, land, buildings, jewelry, etc.)
- Lines of credit
- Assets such as investments, stocks, bonds, equities, pension/retirement accounts
- Income tax returns

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**Estimated Expenses**

The following figures are the current estimated expenses for an academic year at Cornell. They do not include the cost of international travel or travel within the United States because those amounts vary considerably for each student. You should assume that the total support required will increase by about 3-5 percent each year.

Tuition and student activities fee	\$72,270
Room fee	13,246
Dining plan	7,328
Books and supplies*	1,216
Miscellaneous expenses	2,208
Estimated health insurance	<u>3,509</u>
Total	<u>\$99,777</u>

\*Note: The cost for supplies will be slightly higher for Architecture and Art students in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning as well as students in these majors: Landscape Architecture, Design & Environmental Analysis, and Fiber Science & Apparel Design.

**Other potential expenses you may incur:**

Settling-in expenses: \$1,000 – for personal items such as sheets/blankets for your room or the purchase of additional clothing for the climate in Ithaca

Winter break expenses: \$2,531 – one month's living expenses for students who may not be able to travel home for the winter recess

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Cornell University

## 2026-27 Declaration of Finances For International Undergraduate Students

### Required Documentation for Student Visa Eligibility \*\*\*\*\*

Form submission deadline:

First-year Early Decision - March 1  
First-year Regular Decision - June 1  
Transfer Students - July 1

Allow 3-4 weeks to prepare and send I-20

Please type or print.

\*Must be identical to name listed in passport

Student name\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last/Family) (First) (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

- See the instructions on first page before completing the form below.
- This financial information is required both to obtain an I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for a Student Visa) and to apply for a student visa.
- Enter all amounts in U.S. dollars. **The total amount must equal at least one year of expenses as explained in the instructions.**

Funding Source	Amount
Your savings or your family's savings:	\$ _____
Private sponsor:	\$ _____
Home government:	\$ _____
Cornell University Financial Aid: Use your financial aid award summary to complete this form. **Upload a copy of your award summary with the bank proof of finances**	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____
Total Funds in USD	\$ _____

### Certification

***My signature certifies that the information furnished on this form is true and the funds will be provided as indicated. I agree to provide a comparable amount for each subsequent year.***

Signature of parent or sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***My signature certifies that the information on this form is true. I also agree to enroll in an approved sickness and accident insurance plan for the duration of my study at Cornell.***

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_