F-1 Visa
Required Financial Verification Documents for Form I-20

International students interested in participating in Towson University's Summer/Winter in Maryland Program should enter the United States with F-1 Student Visa classification. In order to obtain the F-1 visa from a U.S. Consulate overseas, a student must first obtain a Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility) from the school. Please complete and submit the following information to Towson University's International Contracts Office:

Name: ____________________________________________

Required financial documentation must consist of two parts:

Part 1: Ability Statement

Part 2: Willingness Statement*

*Note: if a student is sponsoring his/herself, a willingness statement is not required.

Towson University accepts both documents electronically. Documents can be emailed to the Summer/Winter in Maryland Program at sip@towson.edu. (If you are attending the program as one of several participants from your home school, please provide all documentation to the program coordinator at your school.) Note that you will need to have original statements when interviewing for the F-1 visa interview at a United States Consulate, and when entering the United States.
Required Financial Documentation
Part 1: Ability Statement

Ability Statement
Your financial sponsor(s) must provide evidence that the required minimum amount of funding for the Summer program ($_____________) is available for your use. Documentation should come from a financial institution (such as a bank, credit union, or broker), education assistance agency (for a loan or financial aid), government ministry (for a scholarship), or other organization providing funding to you. Take care to obtain all of the required information and signatures:

1. issued/dated less than 12 months from your start date at Towson University;
2. an exact amount of money available for you;
3. the name, address and phone number of the financial institution or funding agency;
4. the name of the account holder and account number (if funds are from a financial institution);
5. your name stated as the beneficiary of the support;
6. the signature of the person preparing the statement of ability; and
7. the printed name and title of the signers.

This information should be prepared on the letterhead stationery of the financial institution or of the sponsoring agency. Seals and stamps are not necessary, but may help the evaluators determine the statement’s authenticity.

Sample: Below is a sample format for the evidence of financial ability. (Submission of this sample format page is not acceptable evidence of financial ability, and will delay processing of the Form I-20.)

Sample: To verify funds of a private, individual sponsor

Date:
To Towson University:

This is to verify that the account of [name of sponsor] (account #__________________) has a current balance of $US____________. This account has been handled satisfactorily and responsibly.

Our opinion is that [name of sponsor] has sufficient funds and can afford the educational expenses of $US____________ for [name of student] while a student at Towson University.

Certified by:
Financial Institution Official’s Signature
Official’s PRINTED Name and Title
PRINTED Name of Bank
Address of Bank
Telephone Number of Bank

(Bank stamp/seal, if available)
Required Financial Documentation
Part 2: Willingness Statement

Willingness Statement

- The United States Department of Homeland Security requires U.S. colleges and universities to obtain verification of an international student's financial resources, in order to issue Form I-20. Form I-20 is the Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant (F-1) Student Status. Applicants must demonstrate that they have enough funds to afford all expenses for their program. The statement below must be completed and endorsed by the student's financial sponsor and submitted (with evidence of sponsor's financial ability, the Ability Statement) to Towson University's SIM program coordinator.
- The student should keep a copy of this completed form, because evidence of sponsor’s willingness to support the student will also need to be shown to a U.S. Consular Officer at the time of application for an F-1 visa, and to the Customs and Border Protection Officer at a U.S. Port of Entry.
- The financial sponsor may be the student him/herself. There may also be more than one financial sponsor or source of funding. In that case, Willingness Statements and Ability Statements must be submitted from all sponsors and sources.
- A letter may be submitted instead of this form, if it contains identical information.

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS

This is certification to Towson University that Ms/Mr./Dr. ____________________________

name of personal/private sponsor or institution or agency

is willing to be the financial sponsor for ____________________________ who is

name of prospective student

my/our ____________________________ in the amount of $US ____________________________

relationship between sponsor and student

for tuition/fees, accommodation, meals, books and study supplies, health insurance, transportation, and other living and personal expenses of the above-named student’s stay in the United States while participating in the S/WIM program at Towson University.

As requested, attached is verification from a financial institution that $US ____________________________ is currently available for the student's use.

Sworn by:

__________________________________________  ______________________________
signature of sponsor or of official representing a sponsoring agency  date signed: day/month/year

__________________________________________  ______________________________
PRINTED name of sponsor or of official signing above  telephone # with international country & city codes

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sponsor's or sponsoring agency's complete mailing address