

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CFR) 2021-22

FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

The U.S. government requires educational institutions to verify that F-1 students have sufficient funding to cover their educational and living expenses for at least the first year of study. This financial verification is required for the issuance of the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility and later for the F-1 visa application, if applicable. Only students intending to study on an F-1 visa need to complete the CFR.

COSTS: The amount of funding required to be verified depends on the academic program, as tuition and fees vary by program. Living and ‘other’ expenses (room, board, books, supplies, health insurance, etc.) are the same regardless of program.

- For DEGREE programs, the CFR tuition estimate is based on the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for graduate programs of 6 credits/semester. Additional credits will add additional costs to plan for – please consult with your program for the most accurate estimate of the number of credits you should plan on taking per semester.
- For the DIETETIC INTERNSHIP and CERTIFICATE programs, the CFR tuition estimate is based on the total credits needed to complete the program in one academic year.

FUNDING AMOUNT:

This amount is an *estimate* of one academic year (9 months; 2 semesters) of expenses for your academic program and is subject to change. If you plan to remain in Raleigh over the summer, you should budget additional funding to cover your expenses for that time period.

FUNDING DOCUMENTS: Documentation (for example, an official bank statement or scholarship award letter) must be attached to this CFR verifying the availability of funds to cover the funding amount listed above. Funding must be:

- **Current.** Date of issuance of the documentation must be within the past 6 months.
- **Liquid.** Funding must be immediately available for withdrawal. *Statements of salary, credit cards, insurance policies, and property are therefore not sufficient.*
- **Detailed.** Documentation must include the name of the account holder, the specific amount of funds available, the currency, and include an original signature or be on official company letterhead. Documentation must also be in or include English translation for these details.

Please complete this form, attach the accompanying (1) funding documents and (2) a copy of your passport biographical page, and upload to your Applicant Status Portal: <https://recruit.meredith.edu/apply/status>

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Surname: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Permanent international address: _____
(please include city, province, and postal code)

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate, and that the funds specified will be provided.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

VISA INFORMATION:

Please select which type of I-20 you're requesting:

I am abroad and requesting an 'initial' I-20 for an F-1 student visa to enter the U.S.

I am already in the U.S. in F-1 status and am requesting to transfer my I-20 to Meredith College

I am already in the U.S. in another status and am requesting an I-20 to change my status to F-1
(International Programs will follow up to discuss Change of Status via application vs. travel)

I am a current Meredith student requesting to update my I-20

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION:

Source of Support	Amount of Support:
Self: <i>Attach bank statement for your account confirming the amount of funding available</i>	
Parent or Individual Sponsor: <i>Your sponsor must sign the certification below. Also attach a bank statement for the sponsor's account confirming the amount of funding available</i>	
Government or Other Sponsoring Agency: <i>Attach a copy of your award letter confirming the amount and dates of the award</i>	
School Assistantship or Scholarship: <i>Attach a copy of your award letter confirming the amount and dates of the award</i>	
Other Support: <i>Attach documentation</i>	
TOTAL SUPPORT (must equal or exceed the funding amount indicated on Page 1):	

SPONSOR CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information on this form is true and accurate, that my funds are available and will be provided in the amount listed to the student for their first year of study, and an amount equal to or greater than that amount is expected to be available to support the student in subsequent years, until graduation.

Sponsor Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____
(Sponsors may not reside in the U.S. in a nonimmigrant status, except for work visa statuses)

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

F-2 DEPENDENT INFORMATION:

Students intending to bring their spouse and/or child(ren) with them must complete this section, and additional funding (\$6,000 for spouse and \$4,000 for each child) must also be confirmed. Please attach a copy of each dependent's passport biographical page.

Dependent One:

Surname: _____ Given name(s): _____
Date of birth: _____ Relationship: _____
Country of birth: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

Dependent Two:

Surname: _____ Given name(s): _____
Date of birth: _____ Relationship: _____
Country of birth: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

Dependent Three:

Surname: _____ Given name(s): _____
Date of birth: _____ Relationship: _____
Country of birth: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

Dependent Four:

Surname: _____ Given name(s): _____
Date of birth: _____ Relationship: _____
Country of birth: _____ Country of citizenship: _____