

AQUINAS COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT - AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENT/SPONSOR

As per US Federal Immigration regulations, students must be able to show proof of financial support to cover all school fees including tuition and additional expenses (ie. housing, meals, health insurance, books, transportation, personal expenses) for their time in the United States. In order to comply, a completed and submitted Affidavit of Financial Support is required to be considered for admission to Aquinas College. The amount of support shown must be equal to or greater than the annual cost of attendance minus any scholarship that has been offered to the student. Typically students need to show proof of \$35,000 to \$37,000 USD (estimated amount required after scholarships). Support must be provided for the duration of the student's academic attendance at Aquinas College. Room and board rates traditionally increase 3-5% annually.

The student's name and e-mail should match the name and e-mail address used on the submitted application for admission. In the "Relationship to Student" section please indicate how you are in relation to the student - Parent, Family Member, or Sponsor.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All admitted students are considered for an academic (merit) scholarship, valued from \$15,000 - \$25,000 (first-year students) or \$13,000 - \$21,000 (transfer students). These are renewable for a total of four years, as long as the student remains in good academic standing. The amount of the scholarship remains the same for the four years of study. Students may be eligible for athletic and music scholarships as well but that is up to the discretion of the departments.

BANK STATEMENT

The bank statement needs to be an original document in English, issued by the sponsor's bank. It can show accounts with balances, or it can be a letter, on letterhead, stamped and signed by a bank official, verifying that the necessary funds are liquid and easily accessible. The statement needs to be issued within the last three months and updated within three months of I-20 processing. The total balance must be equal to or greater than the annual cost of attendance minus scholarships. Multiple bank statements can be submitted to reach the total amount if needed.

The following may not be used as documentation of funds:

- Statements verifying employment and salary
- Insurance policies
- Property or personal assets (automobiles, land, buildings, jewelry, etc.)
- Non-liquid assets (stocks, bonds, equities, retirement accounts, hedge funds, etc.)
- Income tax returns

The completed and signed form (below), with an accompanying official bank statement, should be scanned and sent as a PDF to chalmersk@aquinas.edu, with "Proof of Financial Support – (student name)" in the Subject line of the message.

As an alternative, the documents can be mailed to:

Aquinas College Admissions Office

Attn: International Admissions

1700 Fulton Street E

Grand Rapids, Michigan USA 49506

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Provide the information of the individual being supported through the affidavit of financial support below:

Student Information:

Student Name: _____ / _____ Male/Female: _____
Surname/Family Name First, Middle Name

Date of Birth: _____ Primary Citizenship Country: _____
Month/Day/Year

Parent/Sponsor Information:

Parent/Sponsor's Name: _____ / _____
Surname/Family Name First, Middle name

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Sponsor E-mail Address: _____

Relationship to Student: ____ Parent ____ Family Member ____ Sponsor

Parent/Sponsor Bank Information:

List any bank information you are providing statements from below:

Name of Bank: _____ Address of Bank: _____

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As the student's financial sponsor, and by signing this Affidavit, I am verifying the following:

1. I agree to support this student through the entire duration of their academic studies at Aquinas College by providing _____ USD yearly.
2. I agree that the current bank statement submitted contains at least 35,000 - 37,000 USD from the past three months, is a liquid asset, and is my official bank account.
3. I understand that the current statement submitted is part of the admission process and am willing to provide an updated statement at the time of the student's visa interview.
4. I understand that that cost of attendance for Aquinas College is subject to change each academic year.
5. I understand that the merit based scholarships the student receives from Aquinas College are renewable for four years as long as the student stays in good academic standing. Music and athletic scholarships are reviewed and determined yearly by departments.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Month / Day / Year