

## **What is proof of Finance?**

USCIS requires that you document sufficient funding to meet your educational and living expenses for the first year of study and credible evidence of the source of funds for the remainder of your study.

These funds may come from any dependable source(s), including scholarships, fellowships, sponsoring agencies, personal funds and funds from your family.

## **When do I need to provide proof of support?**

You will be required to provide verification of financial support whenever you receive a new Form DS-2019 for the following reasons, providing that your last proof of finances is more than three months old:

- Change of sponsor
- Change of status
- Upon request for J2 work permit
- Addition or deletion of dependent(s)
- Extension of program of study
- Initial entry
- Significant change in school expenses.

## **How much money do I need to document?**

The required minimum amount to be documented is the estimate of school expenses for one academic year (3 semesters); it is listed as Item 5 of your DS-2019.

## **How do I provide proof of or document my financial support?**

Obtain copies of documents showing the assets for you and your sponsor which equal the minimum required amount. These might include any of the following:

- Bank records
- Employment records and/or official letters
- Tax records
- Stock certificates and evidence of the worth of the stock
- Certifications for scholarships, fellowships, assistantships or other on-campus employment
- Form I-134, Affidavit of Support

Provide the appropriate documentation to International Student Services when you make application for the situations listed in “When do I need to provide Proof of support?”