

BOSTON COLLEGE

LYNCH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Declaration and Certification (DCF) of Finances Form 2009-2010

In accordance with U.S. government regulations, Boston College cannot provide a Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20 for an F-1 student visa or DS-2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa) until you submit evidence that you have sufficient financial resources to meet your expenses while studying in the U.S. Students usually satisfy the financial requirement through some combination of personal/family resources, support from their home governments or other sources, and assistance from Boston College. In computing expenses, you should remember that students holding the Student (F-1) or Exchange Visitor (J-1) visas have VERY limited work opportunities. **Therefore, the applicant should not look to employment, either part-time during the academic year or full-time during the summer, as a means of support while at Boston College.** In addition, spouses who accompany students to the U.S. on the F-2 visa are not permitted to accept any kind of paid employment in the U.S. We are keenly aware that the financial requirement may pose serious difficulties for many international students, but unfortunately, the university has no alternative in this matter. We sincerely hope that this will not prove to be a barrier to your pursuit of graduate study here.

Students currently in the United States:

- If you are currently attending or have just recently attended a U.S. school in F-1 student status, you must complete this form AND complete the "Transfer of F-1 Status to Boston College" form. Your I-20 must be transferred from your current school within 60 days after you completion of studies. The form can be found at www.bc.edu/oiss under "forms".
- If you hold another visa status (J-2, F-2, H-4 etc.) please send documentation showing your current status and contact the Office of International Students and Scholars (see contact info below) to determine if you will need to change your immigration status. *Note: Students in B-1 or B-2 (tourist) status and F-2 students are NOT allowed to study in a degree program and must change their status before beginning their studies.*

Directions for completing the Declaration of Finances (DCF) Form

1. Complete the enclosed Declaration of Finances form.
2. Enclose a copy of the biographical page of your passport.
3. Enclose supporting documentation for the total estimate of student expenses detailed below.* You must provide **ORIGINAL bank statement(s)** on bank stationery. The bank statement(s) should include
 - Confirmation of the necessary funds for the FIRST year of study in ENGLISH. You can subtract any funds that you are receiving from Boston College from this amount. (Example: If you are receiving a 10,000 scholarship, you must provide proof of \$30,540). *Note: If you are receiving assistance from BC, the admissions office will provide proof of your scholarship to the Office of International Student and Scholars. You do not have to send a copy of this letter.*
 - The name and address of the bank, the date of the letter (date must RECENT); and a signature and title of a bank official. The sponsor's name must appear on the statement and they should sign part 3 of the DCF form. If you have more than one sponsor, please include a letters from additional sponsors on a separate piece of paper.
4. Make copies of this form and the required certification documents before returning them to Boston College as you will need to show proof of funding to the U.S. consular officers when applying for a visa.

* Estimate of Student Expenses for the 2009-2010 Academic Year:

Tuition and Fees	\$19,000 (\$1050 per credit plus \$100 fees)
Room and Board	9,900
Books and Supplies	1,500
Medical Insurance	1,740
Personal Expenses	4,200
Summer Living Expenses	4,200
TOTAL	\$40,540

Once we receive all of the necessary documentation, **please allow at least 2-3 weeks for your immigration form to be processed.** If you have any questions about the above information please **contact Adrienne Nussbaum in the Office of International Students and Scholars at nussbaua@bc.edu or 617 552 8005.**

Please Send the Enclosed Form and Required Documents To:

Adam Poluzzi
Lynch School of Education
Office of Graduate Admission,
Financial Aid, and Student Services
Campion Hall 135
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3807

PART 2: DEPENDENT INFORMATION (Fill out requested information for each dependent who will be accompanying you to the U.S.; if you need additional space, please make copies of this page.)

I am not married I am married

My spouse will NOT accompany me OR My spouse will accompany me (complete information below)

My children will NOT accompany me OR My children will accompany me (complete information below)

Note: If your spouse will accompany you to the U.S., add \$5,000 to the figure which you are required to certify. If your children will accompany you to the U.S., add an extra \$3,000 per child.

Name of Dependent: _____

As appears on passport

Family Name

First Name

Male Female

Dependent is my: Spouse or Child

Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____

Month/Day/Year

City, Country

Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

If dependent is currently living in the U.S., provide CURRENT visa status? _____

My dependent will have their own visa status while in the U.S. (example: F-1, H1B worker)

Name of Dependent: _____

As appears on passport

Family Name

First Name

Male Female

Dependent is my: Spouse or Child

Birth Date _____ Place of Birth _____

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Country of citizenship _____ Country of permanent residence _____

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PART 3: SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Complete the appropriate boxes to show sources and amounts of anticipated contributions to your educational and personal expenses while you are in the United States. Although you are only required to **provide evidence of the FIRST year of expenses**, keep in mind that you will be responsible for the entire length of your program and those **who are in a program of more than one year will be required to submit an updated financial certification annually.**

SOURCES OF FUNDS	ASSURED AMOUNTS IN U.S. \$			
	FIRST YEAR (Required)	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
PERSONAL SAVINGS** An official letter from a bank, and a parent's or sponsor's signature is required on the certification below if the student is supported in part or whole by personal savings. See instructions below	\$	\$	\$	\$
YOUR GOVERNMENT - Please print name of agency _____ Enclose with this form an original signed copy of your letter of award and a translation, if necessary	\$	\$	\$	\$
BOSTON COLLEGE Type of award: _____ _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
OTHER -Please specify: _____	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL - Each of these totals should equal the estimate of costs for one year as shown on the Declaration of Finances Info Sheet.	\$ 40,540	\$	\$	\$

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.

Enter the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution: U.S.\$ _____

****OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS FOR PERSONAL SAVINGS**

You should obtain an ORIGINAL letter on bank stationery which indicates availability of the necessary funds for the FIRST year of study in English. The sponsor's name must appear on the statement and they should sign part 3 of the DCF form. If you have more than one sponsor, please include a letters from additional sponsors on a separate piece of paper.

GUARANTOR'S SIGNATURE

This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds are available and will be provided as indicated.

Guarantor's Signature _____ Date _____

Guarantor's Name (printed) _____

Relationship of Guarantor to applicant _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I certify that all statements on this form are true and that the stated funds in the amount of \$ _____ are available for my educational expenses while at Boston College. Although I am required to show financial support for one year, I understand that I am expected to pay for my entire course of study.

STUDENTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____