



Instructions for the Financial Guarantee Statement (FGS)

Listed below are the procedures necessary to obtain the Certificate of Eligibility (the SEVIS I-20 for F-1 student status). The process for issuing the Form I-20 will begin once you have been admitted to the College and have submitted the necessary documentation to the Office of Admissions. If you currently hold an F-1 student visa and plan to transfer from another US institution to LaGrange College (LC), you are required to adhere to the following procedures.

The Department of Homeland Security/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services requires all students to provide documentation that sufficient financial resources are available to meet a student's prospective educational and living expenses while in the U.S. Therefore, LC requires a guarantee of financial resources from each applicant who expects to obtain or maintain Student (F-1) status. It is important you are aware of the cost of attending LC and that you have all necessary funds to support yourself. You **must** comply with the following procedures:

1. Meet the annual estimate of costs as stated below.
2. Complete the **Financial Guarantee Statement** and include appropriate documentation. It is very important all questions be completed and accurately answered in order to avoid unnecessary delays in processing.
3. Have your sponsor/sponsors read this information and complete the Sponsor's Statement section.
4. Return the **Financial Guarantee Statement** to:
LaGrange College
Office of Admissions
601 Broad Street
LaGrange, GA 30240

And email a copy to:
nmaddox1@lagrange.edu

Your completed Financial Guarantee Statement will be reviewed by the Office of Admissions to determine your ability to meet the financial obligations while you are attending LaGrange College. If your FGS is not approved or there are additional questions, you will be notified by email.

International students are eligible for merit-based scholarships at LaGrange College. Please refer to our website (www.lagrange.edu) or contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
Cost of study for nine months beginning January 2025	
Tuition & Fees	\$15,387
Room & Board	\$12,000
Personal Expenses	\$2,113
TOTAL	\$29,500

ENROLLMENT

Immigration regulations require that graduate international students enroll for at least 9 credit hours per semester. International students must register as full-time students during fall and spring semesters in order to be in status for immigration purposes. Students who are admitted for the summer semester must enroll full-time for that semester and subsequent semesters.

TUITION

LaGrange College requests payment IN FULL for charges owed for the semester. Statements are loaded into the student's portal prior to the beginning of each semester. Payments can be made by cash, check (must be drawn from U.S. banks), money order or credit card. The College also has a special account set up for having money transferred. Please contact the College for additional information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

Failure to comply with any of the following may delay your admission to the College.

- All bank, scholarship, and sponsor letters must be originals with original signatures. **COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** These letters must also specify the amount of funding available to you.
- Letters must be current. Correspondence older than **6** months from expected date of entry will not be accepted.
- Your name must be on bank, scholarship, and sponsor letters.
- The funding you demonstrate must be sufficient to meet the costs of attending LaGrange College as specified.

It is likely you will also need this documentation to prove to the United States Officials and U.S. Immigration you have sufficient funds to study in the U.S. Therefore, it is suggested you request **two originals** of documents for this purpose.

If there are any questions regarding the completion of the Financial Guarantee Statement or the supporting documents required, please contact Nicole Maddox in the Office of Admissions at nmaddox1@lagrange.edu or 1-706-880-8243.

Breakdown of Costs

Tuition: \$425 per credit hour
Technology Fee: \$64 per semester

Total Amount to Show	\$29,500
Self-Support	\$ _____
Parent/Sponsor Support	\$ _____
Parent/Sponsor Support 2*	\$ _____
Parent/Sponsor Support 3*	\$ _____
Government Sponsor	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____



Financial Guarantee Statement (FGS)

This form is to be completed by international students applying for F-1 status. Please read the preceding pages for important information on completing this form and providing appropriate supporting documents. This form is not an application for admission but is required supplemental information. A SEVIS I-20 Form will not be issued until you have been admitted to the College and this form has been approved.

Please return this form and supporting documents to: LaGrange College, Office of Admissions, 601 Broad Street, LaGrange GA, 30240 and nmaddox1@lagrange.edu

To be completed by LC Admissions official only:

Approved Denied

Sign/Date _____

Please print or type

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student ID number/U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable): _____

1. Name of Applicant _____
Family (Last) Name
First (Given) Name
Middle or Maiden Name

2. Date of Birth _____ 3. Sex Male Female Non-Binary
Month/Day/Year

4. Country of Citizenship _____ 5. Country of Birth _____

5. Foreign Address (required by DHS/USCIS)

6. U.S. Address (if applicable)

Street
City
State/Province
Postal Code

Please indicate above which address we should use to mail your SEVIS I-20.

VISA INFORMATION

Applicants currently in the United States –

- Please indicate your current visa status and attach documentation (a copy of your current I-94 and the visa page of your passport): F-1 F-2 J-1 J-2 A-1 B1/B2 E H-1 L-1 Other _____
- If you are currently in F-1 or J-1 status, please submit a copy of your SEVIS I-20 or DS2019 and obtain our Transfer Form. **NOTE:** If you have violated your F-1/J-1 status, you must indicate if you plan to apply for reinstatement with USCIS or make new entry to the U.S. with LC I-20/DS2019.

Dependents: If your spouse or any other dependents will be joining you in the U.S. please provide their information below. You must attach documentation showing financial support for your dependents (\$5,000 for your spouse and \$2,500 for each child).

Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

You must indicate how you plan to meet expenses for your studies at LaGrange College. Certified original letter(s) (copies are not acceptable) must accompany this form. Acceptable letters will come from a bank, government, or organization/association and will verify the amount of funds available for your studies at LC. All letters must be in English, or be accompanied by an official translation, and figures must be stated in U.S. currency. Letters dated more than 6 months prior to date of entry will not be accepted. If you are sponsored by more than one individual, a bank letter and sponsor statement are required for each sponsor. (The sponsor statement can be duplicated and a sample bank letter has been provided.) The total of all bank letters and financial support statements must be at least \$50,000 USD.

Please indicate how you will be funded:

I am planning to support myself through personal savings. I have attached a certified letter from my bank which verifies that I have U.S. \$ _____ in my account, enough to support myself through my degree program at LaGrange College.

I will be supported by my parents or a sponsor, who lives outside the U.S. I have attached a certified letter from the bank of my parents/sponsor which verifies that U.S. \$ _____ are available for me to study at LaGrange College. Also, my parent/sponsor has signed the statement below verifying commitment to make these funds available to me.

I will be supported by my parents or a sponsor who lives in the US. I have attached a certified letter from the bank of my parents/sponsor which verifies that U.S. \$ _____ are available for me to study at LaGrange College. Also, my parent/sponsor has signed the statement below verifying commitment to make these funds available to me.

My government is sponsoring my studies. I have attached a certified letter from my government which verifies that U.S. \$ _____ are available for me to study at LaGrange College.

I will be supported by an award, which I will be receiving from _____. The amount of this award is U.S. \$ _____. I have attached a certified letter which verifies their commitment to support me in my studies at LaGrange College.

In case of emergency, I will have other sources available. Name of other source: _____

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

I, _____, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.
Print sponsor's name

I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, _____, in the amount of US \$ _____ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.
Print applicant's name

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Relationship to Student: _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I certify that all statements on this form are true and accurate, and that funds will be provided as specified above. I will notify LaGrange College of any changes in my financial circumstances or those of my sponsor.

Student's Signature

Date

SAMPLE BANK LETTER

Document should be on bank letterhead and/or include bank seal

Bank Name

Date

LaGrange College
601 Broad Street
LaGrange, GA 30240
USA

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that (student's name or sponsor's name) holds a (type of account) with our bank. The current balance of this account is \$ (exact amount in U.S. dollars). This account can be accessed by (name of student or sponsor's name) at any time for educational purposes.

Bank official's signature
Bank official's name (typed)
Position

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR STATEMENTS

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

I, _____, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.

Print sponsor's name

I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, _____, in the

Print applicant's name

amount of US \$ _____ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Relationship to Student: _____

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Date

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