

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY DOCUMENT (FAQs)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

SIGN AND RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

Dear Sponsor:

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor student:_____. Please read this information carefully. It concerns your obligations as a sponsor of a student at Montgomery College. You are taking on responsibility for a student who will be dependent on you for food, a place to live and study, and possibly transportation and personal expenses for the time s/he spends in the United States. Please be aware of the following United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) regulations:

- The student will be required to attend school full-time (12 billing hours each fall and spring semester).
- The student is **not allowed to work off-campus without specific permission from the International Coordinator's Office and USCIS.**
- The student *is allowed* to work **on-campus** (based on limited job availability) **for up to 20 hours a week during class terms and 40 hours a week between terms.**
- The student will not be eligible for a Social Security card unless he or she is offered a job and can show correct permission.

Health insurance is critical (very important). Medical care is extremely expensive in the United States and even a minor injury can cost thousands of dollars. If a student becomes ill or requires emergency treatment, health insurance can be a very important part of *saving* the student and the **sponsor unnecessary expenses.** \$600 per year for Health Insurance is included as part of the official Montgomery College Estimated Living Expenses. That is the average of the medical plans we are aware of. Please research policies, some may be available from the student's home country or see our website for other information.

We hope that you will take this list of reminders seriously and plan to be a proud sponsor of an international graduate of Montgomery College. Any changes in Sponsorship must be made *in writing* to the International Coordinator's Office **and** the student at least 30 days before the change becomes effective. Personal information, grades, and financial documents will be kept confidential upon request and as required by law.

Please check the Affidavit form you have signed to be sure it shows **exactly** what expenses you intend to cover (living, educational, etc). Contact us if you are not sure how to complete the form. The affidavit must be notarized and returned with the following information:

1. a bank letter including account opening date, and average and current balances.
2. verification of income; a letter from your employer stating annual salary or taxes.
3. this information letter, signed and dated.

Thank you.

Signature of sponsor

Printed Name of Sponsor

Date

I have read and understand the above information and I agree with all the terms and obligations of the Affidavit of support.