

SPONSORS OBLIGATIONS

Dear Sponsor:

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor: _____ . Please read this information carefully. **You are taking on a serious responsibility for a student who must focus their full attention on their studies and will be completely dependent on you for everything you signed the Affidavit promising to provide.**

Please **initial** EACH of the issues below to show you understand them. Regulations require:

- _____ The student **MUST attend school full-time** (12 billing hours each fall and spring term).
- _____ Each term's tuition is due about one month before classes begin and **MUST** be paid (a short-term payment plan may be arranged) or the student's classes will be cancelled.
- _____ **The student is NOT authorized to work** so we do NOT expect the student to earn money. Students are not allowed to work off-campus without specific permission from the International Coordinator's Office and USCIS, and never during their first year of study. The student may be allowed to work on-campus, however job availability is VERY limited. If a student works, they are limited to 20 hours a week during class terms and 40 hours a week between terms. (Information is on the webpage and at Workshops).
- _____ **The student will not be eligible for a Social Security number/SSN** (unless and until he or she is offered a job and can show correct permission). The SSN helps to show "credit worthiness" in the United States, so the student's personal expenses may increase.
- _____ **The student MUST be covered by adequate Health insurance.** The Estimated Cost for insurance for an average age (under 23) single student is \$800 per year and included in the Living Expenses section of the Estimated Costs listed on the form I-20. Information about what is considered "adequate" (what should be covered and what is not) and links to several companies that specialize in International Student Insurance is on the College International Student webpage under "Health Care and Required Medical Insurance. Medical care is excellent BUT 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, insurance **saves** the student and the sponsor unnecessary expenses and helps the student get proper medical care. The student **MUST SELECT** their own medical plan.
- _____ **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. Both Student and Sponsor's Personal information, grades, and financial documents will be kept confidential upon request and as required by law.

The Evidence of Financial Support documents are complete when we have this letter AND:

1. A signed Affidavit of Support from the sponsor listing **exactly** what expenses you intend to cover (living, educational, etc). The Affidavit for non-US Citizens or Permanent Residents must be notarized.
2. A bank letter including account opening date, and average and current balances.
3. Verification of income; a letter from your employer stating annual salary or other documents showing the personal income of the Individual who signs the Affidavit.

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. **SIGN AND RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT**

Note: If you cannot sign this physically or digitally then email it directly to i20questions@montgomerycollege.edu from the sponsor's email.