

School of Arts & Sciences

Certificate of Finances



The United States Department of State requires that Saint Mary's College of California verify the financial resources of all international students before issuing a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20. It is important to the visa application process that you read and complete this form carefully.

When you apply for the F-1 Nonimmigrant Visa from a United States Embassy or Consulate, you will be required to prove that you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your studies at Saint Mary's. It is recommended that you retain all related financial documents for that purpose.

The estimated total cost of attendance for one academic year is listed below. You are required to demonstrate that you have at least the estimated total cost of attendance to be eligible for an I-20. It is important to note that your academic program may be longer than one academic year and may cost more than what is estimated below.

Estimated Tuition Costs of Attendance for 2026-2027

Program	Tuition Estimate
Master of Arts in Communication	\$42,735 USD
Master of Arts in Kinesiology	\$25,641 USD
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing	\$34,056 USD
Master of Science in Biotechnology	\$30,000 USD

Estimated Additional Cost of Attendance for 2026-2027

Housing	\$18,900 USD
Medical Insurance	\$4,300 USD
Books & Course Materials	\$1,304 USD
International Student Fee	\$100 USD
Dependents*	\$5,000 USD per dependent
Estimated Additional Cost of Attendance	\$24,604 USD

*Only applicable if you plan to bring a spouse or a child with you

Instructions

To calculate the Total Estimated Cost of Attendance for the first academic year of your program, you will need to add the Estimated Tuition Costs of Attendance for your program plus the Estimated Additional Cost of Attendance. You will need to show the Total Estimated Cost of Attendance in order to receive an I-20.

Please note that the Total Estimated Cost of Attendance is an estimation of costs for the stated academic year and the actual cost of attendance may vary. Also, the cost of attendance may increase for subsequent academic years.

Requirements for Supporting Financial Documents

Saint Mary's College will only accept the following financial documents:

- Official bank statement for a liquid account
- Letter of support from a financial institution for a liquid account
- Educational loan approval letter
- Saint Mary's scholarship award letter

All financial documents must meet the following criteria:

- Must be in English or accompanied by an official English translation
- Issued within the last 6 months
- Printed on official letterhead
- All funds must be liquid or available for immediate withdraw at any time without penalty
- All financial documents must include:
 - Date
 - Account holder's name
 - Type of account
 - Current balance
 - Currency type
 - Financial institution stamp or seal

Saint Mary's College will not accept the following:

- Certificate of Deposit or any account that is locked for a period of time
- Stocks, bonds, retirement accounts or trust accounts
- Deeds to property, land or business
- Proof of salary or pay stubs, jewelry, gold, silver, or coins

Student Information

Full Name (as it appears in passport): _____

Address in home country (must be a physical address – PO Box addresses will not be accepted):

City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Gender (Choose one): Male Female Other Program of Study: _____

Dependent Information

If you plan to bring any dependents with you, please complete the following section for each dependent that will accompany you. Note that only spouses and children can be sponsored as dependents.

Dependent 1

Full Name (as it appears in passport): _____

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Relationship: _____

Dependent 2

Full Name (as it appears in passport): _____

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Relationship: _____

Dependent 3

Full Name (as it appears in passport): _____

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Relationship: _____

Section A: Sources of Financial Support

List all sources of financial support. You will need to verify each source of funding by providing a financial document from the list of approved documents as outlined above.

Personal Funds (funds from the student)	\$ _____	USD
Sponsorship Funds (funds from any sponsor)	\$ _____	USD
Scholarship Funds from Saint Mary's	\$ _____	USD
Educational Loan	\$ _____	USD
Tuition Paid to Date	\$ _____	USD
Other (Please specify): _____	\$ _____	USD
Total	\$ _____	USD

Section B: Sponsor Information

If you are using funds from a sponsor, have that person or agency representative complete this section.

The undersigned sponsor certifies that they have read all of the information on this form and that all information provided is true and accurate. The undersigned sponsor agrees to provide at least the amount listed below to support the student during their time in the United States at Saint Mary's College of California.

Signature of Sponsor

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name of Sponsor or Sponsorship Agency: _____

Total Amount of Sponsorship Funds: _____ USD

Student Signature

By signing below, I certify that all of the information provided is true and accurate. I understand that the Estimated Total Cost of Attendance is an estimation and that actual amounts will vary. I acknowledge that the estimated cost of attendance may increase each year and I understand that I am responsible for any increase in tuition or other fees.

Student Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)