NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

Certificate of Finances

International Students

2026-27

The United States Department of Homeland Security requires each educational institution to obtain evidence of financial support for each student prior to issuing them a Form I-20 or DS-2019.

You are responsible for demonstrating sufficient funds to meet all education and personal expenses for the duration of your F-1 status at Northern Michigan University.

You must certify that you have the amount necessary to cover your tuition and fees, housing, health insurance, book and supplies, and personal expenses. The costs you are asked to prove are an estimate of your program of study for an academic year. Your actual costs may vary.

The evidence you provide must be official documents (in English) and all must be fewer than 6 months old.

The following types of financial documents can be accepted. You may use a combination of resources:

- Bank statement OR certificate of balance/certificate of deposit signed by a bank official on official bank letterhead indicating the current balance from yourself, your family, or another individual sponsor. Note: Bank documentation must be from a checking, savings, or time deposit account. Brokerage (stock funds) property or real estate, life insurance, jewelry, or any other non-liquid assets are NOT acceptable. The type of currency must be clearly indicated on the financial documentation.
- For students who are sponsored by an international organization, government, or institution: a scholarship or sponsorship letter is required which verifies the amount, source, and length of award.

Complete this form carefully to avoid delays that may affect your academic plans.

Once completed, you should submit this form and all supporting documents to the International Programs office at ipo@nmu.edu

If you have questions, please contact the International Programs Office: ipo@nmu.edu or 906-227-2510.

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (as it appears on your passport):_____

Family Name (Surname), Give Names (first and middle)

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): _____ NMU IN: _____

Admission Term: ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Summer Year: _____

PART II: FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET

F-1 students may not be authorized to work off-campus except in very limited circumstances and may be permitted to work on-campus only 20 hours or less per week. Therefore, you should not plan to support yourself through employment while at NMU. An ESTIMATE of minimum expenses for the academic year (August -May) follows. If you are requesting an I-20 for dependents, you will need to include an additional $4,200 for a spouse and $2,500 per child.

Costs **(Fall and Winter Semesters)**	**Undergraduate**	**Graduate**	**MBA**
2026-27 Tuition and Fees	$20,732	$16,742	$15,174
Housing and Meals	$14,216	$14,142	$14,142
Books and Supplies	$530	$560	$560
NMU Health Insurance	$1,840	$1,840	$1,840
Personal Expenses	$2,614	$2,530	$2,530
Total Costs	**$39,932**	**$35,814**	**$34,246**

Health Insurance Costs
For information about insurance for dependents, please contact NMU's International Programs Office at ipo@nmu.edu or 906-227-2510.

PART III: SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND CERTIFICATION

Enter the amount and source of the funds you expect to have for the first academic year. The required financial support documents for each type/source of funding are listed below; be sure to submit all required documents corresponding to the funding sources you indicate of this form. You may have or need all of the documents listed below. You may enter a combination of the below sources that together total the dollar amount to cover the cost of your program. ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH AND DATED WITHIN THE LAST 6 MONTHS.

Source	Amount in U.S. Dollars
Personal Funds 1. Copy of an official bank certification with student's name listed as the account holder with funds immediately available. The bank certification letter should be signed or stamped by a bank official.	
Parents or Other Personal Sponsors 1. Copy of an original bank certification in the sponsor's name which demonstrates funds are immediately available on deposit for the amount pledged. The bank certification letter should be signed or stamped by a bank official. 2. Completed Affidavit of Financial Support	
University Funding 1. Copy of award letter with details of the scholarship, fellowship, etc. The letter must be on department/university letterhead and must be signed.	
Other (government, employer, home university, private scholarship, loans, etc.) 1. Copy of award letter, scholarship letter, or other certification of sponsorship with English Translation from authorized person to certify accuracy.	
Total of all sources of support for the first year of your program. *Total for the year should be equal to or greater than the cost estimate from page 2.*	

I certify that the information provided on this Financial Certificate and any supporting documents is true and accurate. I have read the information provided and understand and agree to my financial obligations to Northern Michigan University. Furthermore, I agree to notify Northern Michigan University of any changes to my financial circumstances.

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature Date

Affidavit of Financial Support

Students seeking or holding F-1 or J-1 visa sponsorship must provide evidence of sufficient financial support to qualify for a new Form I-20 or DS-2019. If the student is funded completely or in part by the parent(s) or other personal sponsor(s), please complete the following form. The Affidavit of Financial Support must be submitted along with a qualifying bank statement that meets or exceeds the pledged amount.

STUDENT INFORMATION (COMPLETED BY STUDENT)

Name (as it appears on your passport):_____

Family Name (Surname), Give Names (first and middle)

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): _____ NMU IN: _____

Admission Term: ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Summer Year: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION AND GUARANTEE (COMPLETED BY SPONSOR)

Sponsor Name(s) must exactly match name(s) on bank statement: _____

Relationship(s) to student: _____

Financial support in U.S. Dollars pledged by sponsor per year: _____

Number of year of sponsorship: _____

SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

I/We certify that I/we will support the named students in the amount listed above, for the duration indicated above, for their studies at Northern Michigan University and have provided documentation for these funds available.

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Printed Name	Date
_____	_____	_____
Signature	Printed Name	Date

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