

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR I-20 ISSUANCE

In order to have an I-20 Form issued, you must provide documentary proof of your finances for the upcoming academic year. This proof must show that you have **immediate** access to funds (not in the form of stock). All documentation must be in English, and if it is a foreign currency, you must provide official notification of the current exchange rate to U.S. dollars.

Documentation can be:

- A bank statement from you bank and/or your family's bank with letter of support (sample provided below) and/or completed I-134 Affidavit of Support (available at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>)
- Financial Award letter (scholarship or grant)
- Student Loan verification letter
- A sponsor letter (including letter from sponsor's bank)
- Credit in your Berklee College of Music account
- Any combination of the above

Sample Letter of Support

Sponsor's Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Date:

Dear Berklee College of Music Designated School Official:

I, _____ *Sponsor's Full Name (printed)*, am writing this letter to provide evidence of my support of _____ *Student's Name*, who is my _____ *Sponsor's Relationship to Student*. I will provide financial resources of _____ *amount in US\$* per year during his/her studies at Berklee College of Music. Enclosed is an original letter from my bank, indicating that I have sufficient funds for this purpose.

If you have any questions, please call me at: _____ *Sponsor's Telephone Number*.

Sincerely,

Sponsor's Signature

Date (month/day/year)

Estimate of Expenses

Academic Year 2008-2009

- This estimate covers a nine-month academic year.
- Housing costs assume that the student shares an apartment with two or three other people.
- Food costs assumes that the student prepares a majority of his/her meals at home.
- These estimates indicate basic living expenses only. Owning a car, entertainment such as movies, concerts, frequent restaurant patronage, etc. could be expensive. Students planning on such a lifestyle must be prepared for additional funds.
- Dependents (spouse/children only) who wish to accompany you to the US must be included on your I-20. Please add the following amounts to your estimate of expenses for each dependent:

Degree Tuition	\$27,500
Diploma Tuition	\$23,700

Comprehensive Fee	\$700
Registration Fee	\$0
Accident Insurance	\$100
MAC Laptop/Software	\$3,100

Room/Board	\$11,500
Books/Supplies	\$650
Clothing/Personal	\$2,450
Local Transportation	\$550
Health Insurance	\$1,450

TOTAL DIPLOMA COST	\$44,200
TOTAL DEGREE COST	\$48,000

Spouse= \$6,939 Each Child= \$4,423

- For additional details of costs not listed on this page, please refer to page 11 in the current college Bulletin or website: www.berklee.edu

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