



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Fees and Expenses (2018-2019)

International student applicants are required to pay a one time \$50 non-refundable application processing fee. Fee is payable by credit card (via the student portal), cashier's check or money order in US dollars drawn from a US bank. All fees below are estimated and subject to change without notice. International Students are not eligible for financial aid.

Applicants must provide proof of funds with a **minimum balance equivalent to \$28,000* (USD)**. The amounts below are the estimated cost students will pay per semester:

| REQUIRED SCHOOL FEES | AMOUNT | SEMESTER |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Student Tuition & Enrollment Fee | \$297 per unit | \$3,564 ^A |
| Medical Insurance ¹ | \$708 per semester | \$708 |
| SEVIS Fee | \$25 per semester | \$25 |
| Student Health & Representation Fee | \$12 per semester | \$12 |
| Minimum Anticipated Cost Payable to West | | \$4,309 (Per Semester) |

| ADDITIONAL NEEDS (ESTIMATES) | ANTICIPATED COST |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Living Expenses (Housing & Food) | \$16,500 |
| Books & Supplies | \$1,800 |
| Other | \$1,082 |
| Minimum Anticipated Cost Per Academic Year | \$19,382^B |

TOTAL ANTICIPATED NEEDS IS APPROXIMATELY \$28,000 PER STUDENT FOR 9-MONTH PERIOD (EXCLUDING SUMMER/WINTER)

IMPORTANT NOTES

^A The amount reflects minimum, full-time enrollment. F1 visa students are required to complete a minimum of 12 units per fall and spring semesters. Higher unit loads, enrollment in winter intercession (optional), and/or enrollment in summer intercession (optional) increase overall cost of tuition.

¹ Per [LACCD Board Rule 2309.30](#), all international students are auto-assigned a student medical insurance plan upon enrollment. This insurance is considered a **required fee and cannot be waived or declined**.

^B Per individual cost varies based on living accommodations and lifestyle choices.

* Students who will not be paying for housing or groceries (free room and board) will only be required to document a minimum of \$20,000 (USD) in available funds.



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Proof of Funds Requirements

Any prospective international student seeking to obtain a “Form I-20 – Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status” must submit the following: **(1) LACCD application, (2) evidence of English proficiency, (3) qualifying proof of funds, (4) financial affidavit and (5) copy of passport.** Review the information below to identify the minimum proof of funds and criteria used to evaluate financial documents.

| FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENTS | |
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| Bank Letter | <p>Qualifying bank letters will meet the criteria stated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must reflect a minimum balance of \$28,000 (USD) for the previous 60 days. • must be in English (converted to U.S. dollars preferred) • must reference account type (i.e. checking and savings accounts only) • must include name of account owner. If the account does not belong to the student, the letter must include the nature of relationship between account holder and applicant • Business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement account funds are ineligible to meet minimum proof of funds <p>A <u>sample letter</u> is provided (next page) for your reference.</p> |
| Bank Statements | <p>Qualifying bank statement(s) will meet the criteria stated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be dated within 30 days of application date • must reflect a minimum balance of \$28,000 (USD) for the previous 60 days. • must be in English (converted to U.S. dollars preferred) • must include name of account owner • must reference account type (i.e. checking and savings accounts only) • Business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement account funds are ineligible to meet minimum proof of funds <p>Persons that provide financial documents in support of the students are considered sponsors. <u>Sponsors</u> must provide additional documentation in support of the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sponsors within the United States</u> must submit a signed copy of USCIS Form I-134 (Affidavit of Support) verifying level of support and a copy of government issued photo identification. • <u>Sponsors outside the United States</u> must submit a copy of government issued photo identification. |
| Financial Guarantee / Government Scholarships | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Guarantee/Scholarship document must be in English • Must be dated within previous 60-day period • Must reflect duration of guarantee • Must reflect guaranteed amount of funding • If applicable, must reflect terms of guarantee <p>Qualifying financial guarantees will meet the criteria stated above and meet minimum proof of funds. If insufficient, student must provide additional source of funding.</p> |

Note: Each dependent increases the minimum amount by \$4,000 (USD).

The United States Government requires all F1 Students to present certified proof of financial support. Students may NOT accept employment off-campus without previous authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS). On-campus employment can be accepted, but positions are extremely limited and it cannot be funded through the federal work study program. Unauthorized employment is sufficient reason to deny students the benefits of their visa status and may initiate deportation proceedings.

SAMPLE BANK LETTER

(MUST BE ON OFFICIAL BANK LETTERHEAD)

(DATE)

West Los Angeles College
9000 Overland Ave.
Culver City, CA 90230

RE: **(NAME OF STUDENT)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I certify that **(NAME OF SPONSOR)** has the minimum equivalent of \$ _____ USD on deposit with our institution.

(NAME OF SPONSOR) has had accounts with our bank since **(DATE)** and has maintained their accounts in good standing.

This average personal checking/savings account balance for the previous 60-day period is equal or greater than

\$ _____ USD.

The balance does not include funds derived from Business/corporate, investment, real estate, or retirement accounts.

(NAME OF SPONSOR) will provide tuition and living expenses for **(NAME OF STUDENT)** in the amount of \$ _____ USD

while his/her **(RELATIONSHIP)** is attending West Los Angeles College.

Sincerely,

**OFFICIAL BANK SIGNATURE
NAME AND TITLE**

OFFICIAL SEAL OF BANK