

This form, along with the other required forms and documents required for the I-20, should be securely mailed or taken directly to:

Brightpoint Community College

International Student Services

800 Charter Colony Parkway

Midlothian, Virginia, U.S.A. 23114-4383

E-mail: IntlStudentServices@brightpoint.edu

Phone: 1-804-378-1216

VCCS SIS ID # _____

Please complete all the pages of this declaration. Incomplete statements will result in delays in processing your application, which, in turn, may affect your ability to attend the desired semester.

OFFICIAL NAME AS IT APPEARS IN YOUR PASSPORT (Please print clearly)

Name: _____
Family Name/Surname First Name Middle Name

Instructions: One of the provisions of F-1 status is that prospective students must prove that they have the ability to pay for education costs and support while in the United States. Completing an associate's degree can take up to three years. This proof of assets (see description below) must be presented to Brightpoint Community College before we can issue you a Form I-20, as outlined in 8 CFR 214.3(k)(2). All F-1 students are required to prove, by acceptable means, their ability to pay for their studies at Brightpoint Community College. You need to show that you either possess the necessary funds, for self-sustainment, or that you have a financial sponsor(s) that will support you while you are a student. F-1 students come to the United States to study and should not need to work. Working off-campus, while an F-1 student, is not allowed under federal guidelines, except as the student is eligible for approved practical training or is able to substantiate severe economic hardship. Even if they meet the criteria given in the CFR guidelines, they must have satisfied one year of uninterrupted attendance at a SEVP approved school in an acceptable visa status.

Associate Degree Program Estimated Cost for One Year (Two Semesters) 2023-2024		
Tuition/fees* (Based on full-time enrollment of 12 credits)	\$ 8,753.04	Summer tuition is not included in the calculation. Actual living expenses may be higher depending upon the individual needs/arrangements. Additional Funds Required for Dependents: Spouse: \$5,000.00 Each Child: \$2,500.00
Estimated Rent	\$ 7,705.00	
Food	\$ 3,000.00	
Health insurance, books, etc.	\$ 1,728.00	
Total	\$21,186.04**	

*Tuition rates are subject to change without notice.

** This is an estimated total. Actual costs may vary.

To maintain F-1 status, students must take at least 12 credits per semester. However, students must understand that, if they wish to graduate in two years, they will have to take an average of 15-17 credits per semester. Three years are allowed under your I-20 for the completion of the major.

International students, with an F-1 visa, are not eligible for financial aid in the United States. For that reason it is very important that each student carefully examine their financial situation, including such sponsors as they may have, to determine if study in the United States is feasible, prior to application.

Section 1: Proof of Assets

Students are required to present official document proof of assets in order to certify to BCC/the State Department that the funds for the student's education are available and/or are in escrow to that end.

- Bank Statements – these must be dated within three months of application. The following documents are acceptable:
 - The last three official bank statements from a checking or savings account. The name of the bank and account holder information must be on the statement. Note that if a bank statement shows a recent deposit, but a low average balance, the US government may want an explanation. Your goal is to overcome any suspicion that the money was borrowed/moved temporarily from another account to inflate the account balance and make the financial situation look better than it is.
 - Official letter from the bank showing the account holder's name, date, and the amount of funds in the account. This letter must include the balances from the last three statements.
 - Letter from a sponsoring company, organization, or government outlining dates, amounts and terms of sponsorship or scholarship must include appropriate documentation of funds.
- Proof of the financial capability of the sponsor to support the student by other means can be shown by filling out the DHS Form I-134. [This federal form](#) is a sworn statement of the sponsor's financial ability. View [instructions for assistance](#) with completing the form.
- All statements of funds must be in USD\$ amounts. While we may be able to do a currency exchange evaluation online, it is to your benefit to provide this official evaluation when presenting documents.

Please note:

- The names on the financial statement form and bank statement(s) must match.
- All financial statements and documents must be in English/officially translated into English.
- We do not accept proof of funds in the form of a line of credit or retirement fund(s).
- **Please keep copies of all these financial documents as you will be required to present them at the U.S. Embassy when you have your consular interview for the F-1 visa.** Please note that the U.S. Embassy, as well as the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), may require additional documentation before issuing an F-1 or approving a change of status application.

Section 2: To Be Completed by the Student

OFFICIAL NAME **AS IT APPEARS** IN YOUR PASSPORT (Please print clearly)

Name: _____		_____	
Family/Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Source of Funds	Amount for 1st Year	Amount for Second Year	Amount for 3rd Year
Student			
Sponsor(s)			
Other (scholarships, etc.)			
Total			

I certify that the information that I have provided is a correct statement of my financial support for at least one year. I also understand that there must be a reasonable expectation of funds to cover the remaining years. I understand that, if these funds are not available, Brightpoint is under no obligation to support me and/or my family, and it is likely that I will not be able to continue my education in the United States. I understand that, as an F-1 visa holder, I must enroll in at least 12 credits each semester that I attend. I further understand that I am not permitted to work off-campus without prior written permission from the Brightpoint DSO and from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Date

Section 3: To Be Completed by the Financial Sponsor

A sponsor may be a parent, family member, or another person who will provide financial support. It is not necessary that the sponsor be living in the United States. Note: If more than one sponsor is being used, the student should make additional copies of this page as needed. Between the student and all of the financial sponsors, the student's total financial need must be met or exceeded. Please be aware that, as a financial sponsor, you must present bank statements dating back to no more than 3 months proving your solvent support of the student for the sum total of their expenses.

I guarantee that I will be financially responsible for:

Name: _____

Family Name/Surname

First Name

Middle Name

Amount of support in USD\$: _____

**The total amount, between student and sponsors, must meet or exceed the estimated costs for at least the first year of study.*

***This amount must match the amount indicated on the attached financial documentation.*

****If you are providing a benefit, such as housing, for the student, please utilize the [I-134 form](#), mentioned on page 2, and contact the Office of International Student Services to see how to calculate the adjusted amount needed.*

Sponsor's Family Name/Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Relationship to the Student: _____ Sponsor's E-mail: _____

Sponsor's Address*: _____

*Must be a physical address – not a P.O. Box.

I understand that the document that I am signing will be used by the student for the purpose of obtaining/maintaining an F-1 visa or F-1 status. I have authorized the release of my accompanying financial documents to verify that the promised financial resources are available to me. I understand that, if these funds are not available, BCC will not support the student and the student will likely be unable to complete their education. If the student becomes out of status due to their inability to pay for classes, they will be required to abandon the United States. I understand that F-1 students are not permitted to work, except as permitted by law, and I will not encourage or require this student to perform any service/accept any form of employment (remunerated or not) as an acceptable exchange for my support. I also understand that the student must enroll in a full-time course of study each semester here. I affirm that I know and understand the contents of this affidavit and that all statements made by me are true and correct.

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the Student:

Your application will not be considered complete until we receive all of the above documentation as well as any additional documents needed to process your application. Tuition costs may change without notice. It is the student's responsibility to stay informed about current Brightpoint tuition prices, payment policies, and due dates. Estimated expenses are based on the average cost of living in the Richmond area. These estimates are not guaranteed, and student expenditures may vary. As such, they cannot be adjusted on an individual basis. As tuition and the cost of living do rise over time, plan for the above costs to reflect an increase of 5-10% annually.

I understand that, as an F-1 student, I must enroll in a full course of study (at least 12 credits). I also understand that if tuition payments are not made in accordance with the published payment schedule, or I violate class/school policies, I will be dropped from my class(es), which will result in a violation of my F-1 visa status, and will obligate me to depart from the U.S. I understand that my application will not be considered unless I submit all the required documentation. The complete submission of all documents is not a guarantee of the issuance of an I-20, as that must follow SEVP policy.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

This school is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.