



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

**Traditional
Application for Form I-20 A-B
Academic Year 2020-2021**

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INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR THE F-1 STUDENT VISA

How do I apply for the F-1 student visa?

The F-1 student visa may only be obtained by filing an application in person with a U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country where you hold permanent residence. In order to be eligible for the F-1 student visa, you must present documentary evidence that will convince the consular officer that:

1. You have been accepted to a school for a full course of study.
Evidence: your Form I-20 A-B and Concordia acceptance letter.
2. You have sufficient funds to support your studies and living expenses for the full length of your program.
Evidence: the proof of your financial ability you presented with this application. That is: Sponsor's Affidavit of support and supporting documentary evidence (originals, not photocopies).
3. You have the language proficiency to undertake the proposed program of study or that arrangements have been made by your school for you to obtain the required proficiency.
Evidence: TOEFL score and Form I-20 A-B. No TOEFL is needed for ESL students.
4. You fully intend to return to your home country after the completion of your studies. This means demonstrating that you have compelling ties that will cause you to return.
Evidence: if your family owns a business, take letters from the bank describing the business. If your family owns property, take the deed. If you have taken a leave from a job or have the prospect of a job offer, obtain a letter from the company stating that your job will be held until you return or that people with the education that you are seeking are in demand in your country. If you have family residing in your country, discuss your plan to frequently return home to see them.

Most visa denials are based on students not being able to convince the consular officer that they have sufficient ties to compel them to return home after completing their studies. If you have family members with U.S. permanent residence or citizenship, this may suggest that you plan to stay in the U.S. Embassies or consulates in countries where large numbers of people have immigrated to the U.S. require that the documentary evidence presented is *very* strong.

It is important that you plan carefully - most interviews with consular officers are less than three minutes long. Prepare documents proving your intention to return home. Discuss your future plans and how your education will prepare you for it. *Never lie.* Respond only to questions you are asked.

What should I do if my F-1 student visa application is denied?

If you were denied on the grounds explained in #4, there will be very little that you can do other than to reapply as soon as you have new, additional evidence to present.

What should I do if I have not received my form I-20 yet?

DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. WITH A TOURIST (B-1 OR B-2) VISA UNLESS IT IS ANNOTATED "PROSPECTIVE STUDENT."

If you already hold a valid tourist visa, take your letter of acceptance with all the other evidence required for applying for the F-1 visa (see above) to the U.S. EMBASSY to request that this notation be added. To enter the U.S. as a tourist when you plan to be a student is a serious violation of U.S. law.

Do not enter the U.S. without a visa (WT or WB status)

If you are from a country from where it is permitted to present a round-trip airline ticket for entry. You will only be able to stay in the U.S. 90 days and cannot change to F-1 status from within the country.

What you should know about entering the United States as an F-1 Student

The embassy will give you an envelope containing your Form I-20 A-B and financial documents to present to the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer at the U.S. port of entry. **When you arrive** at U.S. Immigration inspection, give your passport and the envelope from the embassy to the CPB officer who will review your documents, stamp the visa page of your passport and create a digital record of your entry into the United States (Form I-94) which can be accessed online: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>

CONCORDIA COLLEGE APPLICATION FOR FORM I-20 A-B

(Please print or type)

Please mail this completed form to:

Concordia College, Office of Admission, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708 USA

or scan and email to: gary.vega@concordia-ny.edu

Name: _____
Family (Surname) First (given)

Gender: Female Male Other Date of Birth _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Country of Birth _____ City of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

SEVIS Number (for students currently in the U.S. only) _____

U.S. Government regulations require that the FORM I-20 be sent **ONLY** to the student or, if the student is a minor, to a parent or guardian. Please use this space to give us a complete mailing address so that we may send your Form I-20 A-B.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Province / Region _____ Zip / Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email address: _____ Telephone: _____

What is your intended major? _____

When do you plan to arrive in the U.S.? _____

When do you plan to complete studies? _____

Please check all of the following that apply to you:

- I am applying for my first F-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate Abroad
- I wish to change my status to F-1 (only if you are currently in U.S. in another status)
NOTE: You must meet with the Admission Office and be accepted before your I-20 will be issued.
- Transfer from my previous U.S. School (name of school) _____

If you wish to bring dependents to the U.S., please complete the following (add additional page, if needed):

Dependent Name (family, first)	Date of Birth	Country and City of Birth	Relationship
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ABILITY

Instructions:

A. List all sources of your support for each year of your program of study in U.S. Dollars; any combination of sources is acceptable. The estimated annual budget is **\$55,589. (2020-2021 academic year tuition and fees, room and board, health insurance and miscellaneous expenses).**

A Sponsor may be a member of your family, a friend, or an organization. The attached Sponsor's Affidavit must be submitted for each sponsor you have. You may photocopy it for use by each of your sponsors. If you plan to live off campus with someone who will provide you with room and meals free of charge, that person must complete a sponsor's affidavit, with a cash value of **\$13,984.**

B. Provide the specified documentary evidence for each source of support you list. Evidence must be photocopies or scans of originals, and be less than six months old. You will present the original documents at your visa interview.

Proof of Income

Amount (US \$)

1. Personal Funds (student's own funds)

1. \$ _____

Evidence: Statements from a bank or financial institution in the student's name.

- Enter the amount you have available for each year by dividing the statement by the number of years required to complete your program of study.
- Typical international students will complete a bachelor's degree in four to five years.

2. Funds from Sponsors

Evidence: Sponsor's Affidavit of Financial Support and one of the following:

- Letter from employer on business stationery stating annual salary;
- Letter from an officer of a bank or other financial institution;

Name of Sponsor #1

2. \$ _____

Name of Sponsor #2

2. \$ _____

3. Sponsor Providing Free Room and Meals

3. \$ _____

Evidence: Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Meals, and photocopy of a deed or lease in sponsor's name. Enter **\$13,984.00**

IF NO SPONSOR for ROOM & MEALS – enter \$0

- You will be charged a mandatory fee for lunch if you are a commuting student.

4. Scholarship/Assistantship/Fellowship

4. \$ _____

Evidence: Award letter from the organization providing the scholarship, assistantship or fellowship, written in English, or with an official translation attached.

Total Funds (Add: 1, 2, 3 and 4)

TOTAL: \$ _____

Affirmation or Oath: I affirm that the information I have given above is true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT FOR SPONSORS PROVIDING FREE ROOM AND MEALS

To be completed by sponsors providing international students with room and board. It should be used only if the student will be living with a friend or relative near Concordia's campus. If the student plans to live on campus, this affidavit is not necessary. This affidavit may be photocopied if necessary.

Your Commitment:

When you complete the Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Meals below, you are certifying and swearing to Concordia College and a U.S. Government official that you can and will supply the student with free room and meals for each year of study at Concordia. Free room and meals are equivalent to **\$13,984** in cash toward support of the student.

It is assumed that you have carefully considered the real costs of providing the student with a free room and all meals while studying at Concordia and do not expect that he/she will find employment or other support after beginning his/her studies. Sponsors who fail to meet their stated commitment, jeopardize the student's education and legal status in the U.S. and cause pain and suffering.

Instructions for Completing the Affidavit:

1. Fill out the form entitled Affidavit for Sponsors Providing Free Room and Meals completely. Please print or type.
2. Attach a photocopy of a lease or deed in your name, or a photocopy of income tax forms on which the house is reported.
3. The affidavit must be in (or officially translated into) English.

Please scan and email this completed form to: International Student Services: gary.vega@concordia-ny.edu

AFFIDAVIT FOR SPONSORS PROVIDING FREE ROOM AND MEALS (please print or type)

I hereby certify that I am willing and able to provide

Full name of student:	First	Middle	Family/Surname
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with free room and all meals for each year of study at Concordia.

My relationship to the student is: _____

Address of the residence in which the student will live: _____ Is this: a house or an apartment?

Number and Street _____ Apartment/Unit Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Number of persons living here: _____ Distance from Concordia: _____

Please attach a photocopy of a deed or lease in your name, or a photocopy of income tax forms on which this residence is reported.

Affirmation or Oath: I hereby affirm or swear that the information I have given above is true and correct.

Printed Name of Sponsor _____

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____