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## **Certificate of Finances**

All international students are required by U.S. immigration law to show proof that they have the financial ability to attend an educational institution in the United States before immigration documents can be issued. The University of Maine requires that you present evidence of financial support for at least one academic year.

If you will be self-supported, please send an original (not a photocopy) bank letter or statement that clearly states the balance available in your personal bank account. This statement or letter must clearly state the currency, be less than one year old, and be in English. You may use the “Certification from the bank” form if that is easier.

If you will have a sponsor, please provide an original bank letter or statement that clearly states the balance available in your sponsor’s bank account. This letter or statement must clearly state the currency, be less than one year old, and be in English. Your sponsor must also complete an “Affidavit of Support” and have it certified. Both documents must be originals, and must be submitted in order to be considered. You may use the “Affidavit of Support” and “Certification from the bank” forms if that is easier.

Sponsor: Please fill out this form, and take it to your bank for certification of your signature and funds.

**Affidavit of Support**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of sponsor)

am willing and able to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of student)

while studying at the University of Maine. I have \_\_\_\_\_  
(state currency and amount)

available in my bank account to support this student.

Sponsor's signature, to be certified by bank official: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification from the Bank, to be completed by a Bank Official**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bank Official: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of sponsor)

has \_\_\_\_\_ available in his/her bank account.  
(state balance and currency)

Bank Official Signature and Official Stamp or Seal: \_\_\_\_\_