

Financing Your College Cost at Lincoln University

A United States education is very expensive. The estimated total cost for nine-month out of state academic year of study at Lincoln University is an estimated \$30,932.00 which covers tuition, general fees, room and board. A graduate education may be more expensive. There is very little financial assistance for International students to study here with the possible exception of citizens of Canada and Mexico. Most public and private sources are restricted to United States Citizens and permanent resident aliens.

Before a I-20 can be issued to an admitted student, United States immigration law requires Lincoln University to verify that the student has sufficient funds to finance their studies, undergraduate Bachelor's first time college degree: 4 years; undergraduate Bachelor's Lower Level Transfer degree: 3-4 years; Undergraduate Bachelor's upper level transfer degree: 2 years.

You must submit the following information with your application: <u>Financial Statements</u> 2. Bank Statement or official letter showing sponsor's funding, assistantship, scholarship and/or Fellowship award letter that supports your Affidavit of Support. This data must be dated within 6 months of the planned term of entry.

3. Confirmation of Financial Support (Promissory Note) from financial sponsor (s) that clearly states their intention to support you financially during your entire stay at Lincoln University, Student may have multiple sponsors but the total amount from all sources of funding must exactly match the total required to attend Lincoln University for "all" years of attendance.

Be sure to go over the necessary financing with your sponsor. He or she must realize tuition, fees, room and board are payable on a strict deadline. Your money not only must be here, but also must be cleared by the bank before classes start. Funds from overseas may take four (4) weeks or more to clear the bank and be usable, so you must plan ahead. A little planning now will save you much worry later.

You should bring bank drafts, travelers check and some cash for immediate personal expenses. Opening a bank account when you arrive will be a priority. Please note that you will be required to pay the remainder of your balance in FULL for tuition and fees, before the end of the semester to secure your classes.

Student and Exchange Visitor Program: SEVIS 1-901 Fee Instructions for completing form 1-901 The SEVIS fee of \$350.00 must be paid and fully processed before the applicant arrives at the consulate for the visa I interview. A receipt will be sent to you by mail to the address that you indicate with your payment. Further. for those that pay the SEVIS fee on-line, a payment confirmation can be printed out immediately after the payment is made, and used as a receipt until the mailed receipt is received. Please note that if you are subject to this fee and do not pay it, you will not be issued an F-1 visa for admission to the United States.

You must take the SEVIS fee payment receipt with you for the visa interview. Having a receipt for the SEVIS fee payment will facilitate the visa application process. However, if you are unable to print a receipt from an on-line payment and/or do not receive your mailed receipt in time for your visa interview you can still go to your interview as long as your fee has been processed by the Department of Homeland Security

Please note that Lincoln University will not pay your 1-901 fees. This cost is your responsibility

For more detailed information on the fee payment process. go to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program's website at https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901

International Affidavit of Support Certification of Financial Responsibility

Please return all forms with financial documentation No FAX copies will be Accepted

After the events of September, 11, 2001, *Lincoln University is required by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services to verify the availability of adequate funding for your tuition, fees, and living expenses for the duration of your academic program. All documentation of Support is valid for one year. Only official, original statements in English are accepted. We cannot issue the 1-20 form necessary to obtain pour visa until these forms are completed.

Evidence should consist of any or all of the following documentation listed below that is applicable to your situation. Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income and/or financial resources may result in the denial of the student.

*Statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institution where you have deposits, giving the following details regarding your account:

- Date account opened
- Total amount deposited for the past year Present Balance

Salary verification letters are not acceptable.

This document needs to be completed, notarized and moiled with supporting documentation.

Part I Student Information

Name

Surname

first

Middle Name

Mailing Address

Part II Estimated Cost

The costs below are for the estimated academic year. These figures are estimated costs for 9 months and are subject to increase without

notice. Annual increases in tuition and fees are anticipated; therefore, your financial certification should reflect sufficient funds to cover the increases.

TUITION AND FEES	\$19,646.00
ROOM AND BOARD	\$11,232.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$54.00

TOTAL \$30,932.00

Undergraduate tuition and fees are based on estimates of 18 hours per semester for two terms. Students must register for a minimum of \$2 hours for each semester.

The above costs are for on-campus housing and meal plan. Off-campus housing costs may be higher. Please note that students may need about \$1500 for their books and supplies. Please also note that summer school costs are additional.

Part Ill Source of Funding

Please indicate your source (s) of funding for the duration of your program at Lincoln University and include the required documentation. You must have a minimum of \$30.932.00 available for undergraduate study.

Amount available each year of study:

Personal Savings \$	Official letter or statement, signed and dated, from your bank or financial institution indicating a current balance to cover the entire first semester and proof to cover future semester.
Sponsor \$	Official letter or statement, signed and dated from your Sponsor's bank or financial institution, indicating funds for the first year of study.
	Salary verification letters are not acceptable,
Scholarship \$	Official letter from the awarding institution. The award letter must state the applicant's name, the amount of money available for each year of study, the duration of the award, the degree and academic program, and the name "Lincoln University" as the academic institution that the applicant has been approved to attend.
Other \$	Please specify and enclose original documentation.

Total \$

Part IV Sponsor Statement

I certify that the above information is correct and that funding in the amount of \$_____(minimum \$30,932.00 is currency available and for each subsequent year of study during the duration of the academic program. I understand that I will be required to provide support for a minimum of 4 years for the bachelor's degree. I have enclosed bank or other financial institution verification demonstrating availability of funds for the first year.

Required Documentation:

Name of Sponsor (Please Print)

I v	,		
Relationship to Applicant_		 	
Address of Sponsor			
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- I will submit the sum of \$30,932.00 payable to "Lincoln University" for tuition, fees, room and board to 1. remain in the account for the full academic year,
- 2. I understand and agree that I may not withdraw any of the aforementioned monies from the student's account without proper notification that the student will not attend Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, I understand and fully accept my financial obligations to Lincoln University

Sponsor's Signature_____ Date____

Part V Student Statement

I hereby accept responsibility for payment of my tuition should my Sponsor be unable to fulfill this obligation.

Student's Signature

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION Office of International Programs and Services Lincoln University of Pennsylvania

A frequent question that comes up is whether the FERPA privacy act applies to international students, and if so, under what circumstances can a school disclose "personally identifiable records" that FERPA protects from nonconsensual release.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended [20 U.S.C. § 1232g; <u>34 C.F.R. Part 99 1</u>, abbreviated as ^IFERPA," protects the privacy of all students studying at institutions to which funds have been made available under any program administered by the Department of Education, including funds provided to the school or agency by grant, agreement, or contract, and funds provided to students through Government student loan and grant programs. This protection extends to student records maintained by "educational agencies" that provide administrative control or direction of, or perform service functions for, covered public elementary or secondary schools or postsecondary institutions. [34 C.F.R. S <u>99,1</u>]

The FERPA statute itself does not distinguish between students based on their immigration status. The basic protection of FERPA is that "personally identifiable information" from student "educational records" cannot be released to any third party without the consent of the student.

I authorize the Office of International Programs and Services to disclose information on my application status to the person(s) identified below for the purposes specified in each case. The Office of International Programs and Services <u>WILL NOT</u> disclose <u>ANY</u> information to anyone other than the student without this consent form being completed, this includes parent (s), grandparents, guidance counselors, agencies, etc.

SURNAME	FIRSTNAME	
Full Name:	Relationship:	
Address:		
Email Address:	Cell Phone:	
Type of information The Office	of International Programs and Services may release to this person: Ple	ease select all that applies

- Application status
- Outstanding Documents
- Received document
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Person 2	
Full Name:	Relationship
Address:	
Email Address:	Cell Phone:

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