International Student Certification of Finances Guidelines

Please read prior to completing this form.

The purpose of the *Certification of Finances* is to help colleges and universities obtain complete and accurate information about the funds available to international applicants who want to study in the United States. Strict government regulations, rising educational costs, and economic conditions have made verification of financial resources of international applicants essential. Institutions do not have the option of deciding whether or not to verify the financial resources of their international applicants; financial verification must be made prior to instructional issuance of Certificates of Eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66).

The form is designed to standardize financial information provided by applicants to colleges, universities, and United States consuls. By completing and returning the form to the college/university requiring it, an applicant, if admitted, may obtain that college's authorization and issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or IAP-66). If parents and/or sponsors are unable to obtain a bank official's verification, it is recommended that institutions forward a copy of the Foreign Student Financial Aid Application to the family for completion. The institution should attach a copy of the *Certification* to the Certificate of Eligibility. United States consuls scrutinize the statements of financial resources given by nonimmigrant visa applicants. The *Certification* will help such officials make their decisions and expedite visa issuance.

Return this form directly to the college that provided or requested it. Do not send it to the College Scholarship Service® or International Education at the College Board.

The space below is for optional use by issuing institutions for listing student's expected annual budget.

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