

SIMPSON UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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WHAT IS A FORM I-20 AND WHY DO YOU NEED ONE?

A Form I-20 is a government form on which Simpson University certifies to the US government that you are eligible to receive an F-1 visa. It certifies that you:

- Are going to be an enrolled full time student pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree;
- Have satisfied all admission requirements and been accepted to Simpson University; and
- Have proven that you have sufficient financial support to study and live in the US for the duration of your course of study

You need a Form I-20 to obtain an F-1 student Visa or to keep lawful F-1 status when transferring or changing schools within the US.

DOES EVERYONE NEED AN I-20?

No, some international students do not need an I-20. If you are maintaining another non-immigrant status in the US, you do not need an I-20 and may attend school full time or part time, but you must still complete this application. Dependent children in E, F, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, R or S status need to change their status after their 21st birthday or after they marry. If you change your program of study you will have to apply for a new I-20 during your attendance at Simpson University. If you have no legal status or are out of status, please contact the Associate Registrar and DSO Cassandra Heath at cheath@simpsonu.edu about your options.

DEADLINES

You must be admitted to Simpson University and submit your I-20 Application to Simpson University three (3) months before the start of the semester:

Fall Semester Deadline: June 1

Spring Semester Deadline: October 1

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GETTING YOUR I-20

Please read the following instructions carefully. A Simpson University Form I-20 will only be issued to students with an accepted application, completed I-20 application, and all other required documents.

1. Complete the application for Form I-20. (Pages 8-9)

This can be found in this document or attached separately upon request. The Form I-20 application lets you know what you will need to submit and also tells us what types of documents we can expect to receive from you. *You must also send a copy of your passport.* If you want your I-20 to be sent to an address other than the one on your passport you can indicate that on the application.

2. Provide financial information. US law requires that you prove your ability to support yourself for every year of your program of study.

Do not expect that you will be able to work in the US to help meet your annual costs. The immigration service strictly controls off-campus employment and on campus employment is not guaranteed. In order to receive a Simpson University I-20, you must prove that you have enough support before you attend.

Although part of your funding can come from a scholarship, Simpson University scholarships will not cover all of your costs. Therefore anyone receiving an I-20 must provide some financial documentation. *Provided is an annual cost estimate worksheet for your intended program (expect annual increases in tuition and living costs of approximately 5%).*

All financial documents must be less than 6 months old and translated by an accredited evaluation agency into English. We cannot review documents in another language. Please send original documents to Simpson University for official evaluation before issuance of I-20. The original documents will be sent back to you with I-20. You will need your original documents and I-20 to take to the Embassy for your visa appointment. You must provide documents that will convince both Simpson University and the US government that you have:

- Cash (in the form of a bank statement) to cover academic and living expenses for your first year in the US.
- Sufficient and dependable financial resources to cover every additional year. Your financial support can come from any combination of sources: your own funds and/or sponsor(s) funds or pledges of support.

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3. Affidavit of Financial Support. (Page 5)

It is highly recommended that some of your financial support come from your home country. Sponsors must sign an affidavit specifying a dollar amount of financial support that you will receive. Your affidavit must tell us how much in dollars you will receive from your sponsor. An affidavit without a specified dollar amount will not be considered. Affidavits of support must be notarized.

Each sponsor providing cash support must supply documents to prove financial responsibility and soundness. If you do not provide all these documents for each sponsor, their support will not be considered.

A sponsor should promise only as much money as he or she is reasonably able to give. **THE MOST COMMON REASON FOR REJECTION OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS IS THAT THE SPONSOR HAS PLEDGED MORE SUPPORT THAN HIS/HER INCOME WOULD REASONABLY ALLOW.** A sponsor should promise only what can be afforded.

- **Proof of Income:** These must be included to prove that the sponsor is financially capable of providing funds. Pledges of support will not be considered without proof of income. Sponsors can provide bank statements (less than six months old and translated into English) and/or proof of income. Examples of proof of income are a pay stub, employment letter or a tax statement. If your sponsor is self-employed he/she can send a statement from his/her accountant or lawyer which estimates annual income.
- **Bank Statements.** Bank statements must be dated within 6 months of the beginning of your degree program.

4. Complete the Free Room and Board Affidavit (if applicable).

If you have a sponsor who is willing to give you free room and board (locally) during your time at Simpson University, this is counted as part of your support. A sponsor providing free room and board within commuting distance to Simpson University is someone who does not charge you for rent or food. This type of sponsor must also prove that they can provide these services as they have a cash value and count as financial support. A sponsor must provide all of these:

- Lease, Property Tax Statement or rent receipts. These prove that a dwelling is available to you.
- Proof of income (pay stub, employment letter or accountant/lawyer statement for self-employed sponsors)

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5. Provide proof of health insurance or sign the Intent to Obtain Health Insurance

You will be required to show proof of health insurance when you check in with the DSO on the Simpson University campus. If you cannot provide proof of health insurance coverage, your visa could be terminated.

Please complete one:

- I have attached my proof of health insurance with my application for Form I-20

- I understand the requirements below and I commit to obtain health insurance by the time I check in at Simpson University before classes begin. I understand that my visa will be terminated if I cannot provide proof of health insurance when I arrive on campus.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Your insurance must provide a monetary minimum of \$200,000 USD or more per medical condition per policy year, medical evacuation (at least \$10,000 USD), and repatriation of remains (at least \$7,500 USD).
- Your insurance company must have coverage in the Redding, California area for emergency, non-emergency, and outpatient and inpatient care.

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Affidavit of Sponsor

As Verified by the **attached documentation**, my annual income is US \$ _____

I hereby attest that I am willing and able and will provide no less than US \$ _____

Student Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Relationship to Student: Family Friend Other: _____

Sponsor Address:

Contact Information:

Number and Street

Telephone

City

Email

State Postal/Zip Code Country

Dependent Information

The following are all of the persons who are dependent upon me for their housing, food, or financial support. **Do not include persons who support themselves or student named above.**

Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Relationship

Affirmation of Oath

I hereby affirm that the contents of the above statement are true and correct.

Printed Name of Sponsor

Signature of Sponsor

Subscribed before me on the date of:

Month/Day/Year

Signature of Notary

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Cost Estimate Worksheet

The amounts below represent the minimum estimated expenses for each student for one year at Simpson University. The budget does not allow for luxuries, and sponsors will want to provide more money, if possible.

Undergraduates

Full Time 16-17 Annual Tuition (Fees included):	\$25,950
Room & Board (Shared Rooms):	\$ 7,900
Books and Supplies:	\$ 1,000
ANNUAL ESTIMATE:	<u>\$34,850</u>

Students planning to bring a spouse, child or children in F-2 status, or who have F-2 family with them in the US now must show an additional \$4,000 per year to support the spouse and \$2,500 per year for each child.

Please show how you will cover expenses for all four years at Simpson University.

Source of Funds	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Parent or Sponsor				
Savings (personal or family)				
Government Funds				
Other				
Total Funds Available				

(Amounts shown must cover all expenses as estimated above)

Along with this form, you must also provide proof that you or your sponsor have the financial ability to pay for your first year's tuition at Simpson University. This proof can be in the form of a bank statement (translated by an accredited institution if not in English) or a copy of a pay stub.

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Affidavit of Sponsor Providing Free Room and Board

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY A PERSON WHO OWNS OR RENTS THE PROPERTY

I hereby affirm that I own, rent, or lease the property described below and that I will make it available without charge and without services-in-lieu-of-payment to the student named for the duration of his/her studies at Simpson University.

Full Name of Student: _____

Address, including room or apartment number, of the residence offered to the student:

Relationship of sponsor to student: _____

How many rooms are in the house or apartment? _____

How much space will be reserved for the exclusive use of the student? _____

Does the sponsor live at the address listed above? _____

Does the sponsor own rent lease the property being offered?

All questions above must be answered. This affidavit must be sent with a photocopy of a lease or deed in the sponsor's name.

Affirmation of Oath

I hereby affirm or swear that the contents of the above statement are true and correct. I agree not to require any services from the student in return for the promised support and understand that it would be a serious violation of the law to require domestic work, child care, or any other kinds of service.

Printed Name of Sponsor

Signature of Sponsor

Subscribed before me on the date of:

Month/Day/Year

Signature of Notary

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Application

Visa Information

If you are not currently in the US you will need to receive an F-1 visa to attend Simpson University.

If you are now in the US, what is your current visa status? (ex: F-1, F-2, B-1/B-2, H-4) _____

If you are now in the US do you want to change your visa to F-1? Yes No

If you are presently studying in the US and have an F-1 visa, please provide a copy of your current I-20/DS-2019 and current institution information. Also, know that you will need to request a transfer of your I-20 from your current institution.

Name of Institution

City and State

Student Statement

I have attached or will send the required financial documentation. I have truthfully stated the financial arrangements to support my studies at Simpson University. I have clearly stated who my sponsor is and my relationship to him/her. I understand by law I cannot expect to work to support my studies and that I cannot expect to receive financial aid after my arrival. I accept full responsibility for my tuition and living expenses.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Return form and supporting Documents to:

Simpson University
Molly McKeever
2211 College View Drive
Redding, CA 96003
USA
Fax: 530-226-4861
Email: mmckeeper@simpsonu.edu

For visa/I-20/DS-2019 application questions:

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