

**AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT
STUDENT'S PERSONAL SAVINGS**

I, _____ certify that my financial support will be provided from personal savings in the amount of \$ _____ while I am a student at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas.

Student's signature

Date

**AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT
FAMILY, SPONSOR, or EMPLOYER**

I certify that I will provide financial support for _____ while he/she is a student at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. I am aware of the minimum costs for supporting an international student at Lamar University **for the 2003-2004 nine-month school year, (UNDERGRADUATE applicants \$20,072.00 or GRADUATE applicants \$17,736.00) in available funds.** I will provide \$ _____ to this student for the **2003 - 2004 academic year.** I further understand that this commitment continues as long as the student is a full-time student at Lamar University and that all fees are due upon billing and subject to change without notice.

Printed Name of Sponsor: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Telephone Number: _____

Sponsor's relationship to student: [] Family Member [] Friend [] Employer

NOTE: Sponsor's "can not" be a student.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

STUDENT/SPONSOR'S BANK STATEMENT

This is to certify that _____ (student / sponsor), has sufficient funds at this time to meet the pledged educational and living expenses of the student named. This certificate does not constitute a statement of liability on my part or the firm or bank that I represent.

Printed Name & Title
of Bank Representative: _____

Name of Bank or Firm: _____

Address: _____

Seal or Stamp of Endorsing Bank

Signature of Bank Representative

Date

LAMAR UNIVERSITY
International Student Services Office (ISSO)
Budget of Study
Student Financial Aid Academic Year 2003 - 2004

This form is used to determine adequacy of financial support for international applicants seeking admission to Lamar University. To obtain F-1 or J-1 visas, applicants must provide to Lamar University proof of adequate financial support. Only after receiving this proof can we issue the documents required by U.S. embassies for student and exchange visitor visas. Financial support may be obtained through personal funds, sponsor, scholarships, graduate teaching/research assistantships, in-state tuition status, or a combination of resources. Academic competitive scholarships (\$1000.00) will not be paid directly to the student but will be applied directly to your tuition and fees account in two (2) payments of \$500.00 each in the Fall and Spring semesters. Teaching or Research assistantships will be paid to the student in a monthly stipend which is determined by the major department. Please contact your major department should you have any questions concerning this issue. **NOTE: International students are not eligible for U.S. federally funded student financial aid and the Graduate & International Admissions Office does not award or have any information on scholarships, loans or grant-awarding institutions.**

Tuition rates are reviewed annually by the University's governing board and typically increases each year. Tuition and fees are due at registration at the beginning of each semester. Any previous outstanding balance must be paid before you may register for the following semester. Failure to pursue a full course of study will render you out-of-status with the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services (BCIS) and ineligible for any immigration benefits (including transfer, employment, change-of-status, etc.) Generally a full course of study at Lamar University consists of a minimum of 9 credit hours per long semester for graduate students and 12 credit hours per semester for undergraduate students.

Lamar University's standard budget for all expenses (lodging, food, books, supplies, health insurance, taxes, and expenses for clothing, local travel, recreation, toiletries, telephone, etc.) is based on our Student Financial Aid Office's academic year budget and applies to undergraduate, graduate students living either on or off-campus. They represent only basic expenses for housing, food, and personal items. You must certify at least this amount. If you intend to remain in the U.S. between semesters (continuing enrollment and tuition are not required during the summer by BCIS), you should plan for expenses for 12 months. You should also plan to incur other expenses not directly related to your studies. These may include telephone bills, expenses related to an automobile, or vacation expenses. The figures provided are the minimum figures that the University utilizes when issuing a Certificate of Eligibility. Please be aware of your individual needs and budget accordingly.

All international students, and their dependents residing in the U.S., are required to have health insurance coverage through the University's student health insurance program or through an outside insurance agent. A waiver will be granted through the ISSO by presenting proof of equal or better coverage from another source. The estimated annual premium (12 months) for coverage on one enrolled student is \$524.00. Beginning with the Fall 2001 semester, this fee will be added to your tuition and fees bill upon registration. Additional information regarding annual fees for spouse and/or dependents will be provided on request. You will not be permitted to register without proof of health insurance.

You should not expect to supplement your resources through employment, other than that which may have been offered with your admission to the University (for example, a Research or Teaching Assistantship). Spouses and children in F-2 status are not eligible to work under any circumstances. Keep in mind that a university assistantship may not necessarily pay for all of your expenses, in which case you will need to certify additional support to cover your (and/or your dependents') expenses completely.

**Estimating Your Expenses for the 2003 - 2004 Academic Year
Budget Worksheet**

This section is designed to help you financially plan for your studies at Lamar University. The figures provided are estimated expenses, which you should expect to incur. If you have been offered financial assistance in the form of a tuition scholarship, Research/Teaching Assistantship, or other stipend/grant, you must still complete and submit the International Student Financial Certification. These amounts represent minimum costs of living and studying for a single international student for twelve (12 months) living on or off campus and do not include travel funds. This budget is based on Lamar University's Student Financial Aid 2003 - 2004 Academic Year budget. You should also plan to incur other expenses not directly related to your studies such as telephone bills, automobile expenses, vacation expenses, etc. If you plan for your spouse and/or children to accompany you to the U.S., additional funds are required.

Although summer terms are considered to be optional according to the Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services federal regulations, students receiving financial assistance *may be required* to enroll during the summer terms by their major program of study at Lamar University.

Undergraduate minimum full time status is 12 credit hours each for the Fall & Spring semesters; 4 credit hours each during the summer terms (optional). Graduate minimum full time status is 9 credit hours each for the Fall & Spring semesters; 3 credit hours each during the summer terms (optional).

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>UNDERGRADUATE</u> | <u>GRADUATE</u> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuition & Fees (Non-Texas) Fall & Spring | \$ 9,116.00 | 6,948.00 |
| Room & Board (12 months) | \$ 4,794.00 | 4,794.00 |
| Books & Supplies (9 months) | \$ 662.00 | 494.00 |
| Health Insurance (12 months) | \$ 524.00 | 524.00 |
| Transportation | \$ 2,568.00 | 2,568.00 |
| Personal Expenses | \$ 2,408.00 | 2,408.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 20,072.00 | 17,736.00 |
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| Tuition & Fees (Non-Texas) Summer Terms | \$ 2,666.00 (optional) | 2,020.00 (optional) |
| TOTAL | \$ 22,738.00 | 19,756.00 |
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| <u>DEPENDENT(S)</u> | | |
| Spouse \$ 2,500.00 | \$ _____ | _____ |
| Spouse Health Insurance (12 months) | 1,310.00 | 1,310.00 |
| Each Child \$ 1,500.00 | \$ _____ | _____ |
| Each Child's Health Insurance (12 months) | 655.00 | 655.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ | _____ |