

Alternate Estimated Cost of Living Expenses for International Students

International students who have a sponsor or family residing in the U.S. and who plan to live off-campus with this sponsor/family member while attending FAU may request a lower estimate for living expenses. This lower/adjusted cost of living estimate is used for calculating the total estimated expense figures for the issuance of the I-20 or DS-2019. Please review the [Estimated cost of living provided by Financial Aid](#). The family/sponsor must provide a **certified or notarized letter** verifying that they are able to provide room and board which is equivalent to the difference in U.S. dollars between the estimated cost of living off campus (\$24,046/year) versus the estimated cost of living at home with a family member (**\$4, 830\*** = 24,046/total - 19, 216/room and board). An international student may not serve as a sponsor to reduce living expenses for another international student. U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents can fill out Form I-134 -- Affidavit of Support (<http://www.uscis.gov/i-134>) instead of the letter of support.

\* Please note that student still needs to provide proof of estimated transportation cost in the amount of **\$4, 830**.

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

To the attention of Florida Atlantic University: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that I, (Name of Sponsor, relationship to student), am ready and willing to provide room and board for the student named below while s/he is pursuing a degree at Florida Atlantic University (FAU):

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Relationship to the Student \_\_\_\_\_

The student will reside with me at the following address:

Current U.S. address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Permanent Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, by signing this letter, I am assuming responsibility for providing (student's name) with room and board in the equivalent amount of US \$19, 216 (estimated annually) while s/he is enrolled at FAU as an international student. I will notify the International Student Services office (ISS) if I am no longer able to provide room and board for this student.

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This letter must be certified or notarized