

Florida Atlantic University | Center for Global Engagement | International Student Services

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Alternative 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 (\$25,758/year) versus the estimated cost of living at home with a family member (**\$8,344*** = \$25,758/total – \$17,414/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 the student still needs to provide proof of the estimated transportation cost of **\$8,344**.

Date:

To the attention of Florida Atlantic University:

This is to certify that I, _____ (Name of Sponsor), 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 **USD \$17,414** (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.

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