

## Certification of Financial Support

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' regulations require universities to certify that international students have sufficient funding to pursue a course of study. The University of South Carolina Aiken therefore requires international applicants to present documentation of adequate **liquid** financial resources to cover all expenses at the University for their first academic year of study. The amount for which a student must financially certify is only an **estimate**. **This form has been developed for use by the University of South Carolina Aiken only. Check with your U.S. embassy or consulate to determine what documentation you need for your interview.**

### Acceptable forms of certification (must be in English)

- Checking or savings accounts
- Certificates of deposit (CDs) with a maturity date prior to the start of the student's term of admission
- Money market accounts
- A scholarship through the University, the student's home government, or a non-governmental agency
- Offer letter for a graduate assistantship/fellowship
- Educational loans

### Unacceptable forms of certification

- Any document that is not written in English
- Stocks or Bonds
- Mutual funds
- Business Bank Accounts
- Statements of earned salary or yearly income
- Tax returns
- Credit card statements/lines of credit
- Statements of property ownership

**I. Source of Financial Support.** To be completed by your financial sponsor/guarantor. All lines must be filled in. Section II does not need to be completed as long as copies of relevant bank statements are attached. **All Bank Statements must be in English.**

Name of person providing support: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student receiving support: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funding to be provided for the student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person providing support: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Bank Certification.** To be completed by a bank official. All lines must be filled in. If your bank cannot complete this form, please have a representative issue a letter with the below information included. **Any letters issued must be in English.**

<b>The above named individual currently has the following amount of money available in liquid funds (specify amount and currency):</b>		Place bank seal/stamp here
<b>This account was opened on (Month/Day/Year):</b>		
<b>Today's Date/Close of Business (Month/Day/Year):</b>		
<b>To the best of our knowledge of banking laws in this country, these funds may be sent out of the country to support the education needs of the above named student in the United States (signature):</b>		
<b>Name of Bank Official:</b>		
<b>Title of Bank Official:</b>		
<b>Name of Bank:</b>		
<b>Address of Bank:</b>		

*Please email a scan of the completed document to the Office of International Programs at [international@usca.edu](mailto:international@usca.edu).*