



## Affidavit of Financial Support Instructions

All international students who require an F-1 student visa must submit an Affidavit of Financial Support form as part of the application process to Biola University. Biola University requires documentation certifying the validity of the financial resources that are being guaranteed for a student's educational expenses. This evidence of support should consist of:

- 1) An official bank statement or original letterhead stationary and dated within the last six months that proves sufficient funds are available; or
- 2) A statement of support from a sponsor, along with evidence of the sponsor's financial resources in the form of an official bank statement; or
- 3) An official letter of award from your government or other sponsoring organization indicating the terms of the support.

### GUIDELINES

**Completion of the Form** – Please type or print clearly in ink. There are three parts that need to be completed:

- 1) Student's information
- 2) Sponsor's information and signature
- 3) Current Bank Statement (to be attached) and Notarization

**Sponsorship**–All applicants must submit an affidavit signed by a sponsor(s) along with all supporting documents. Students being sponsored by a home country government, United Nations, etc., must furnish an official letter of sponsorship that specifies the terms of the award, amount of tuition paid, amount of living allowance, etc., as well as how tuition will be paid. All sponsorships are subject to approval by the Admissions Office.

**Timely submission**–All affidavits must be current. The affidavit and all supporting documents must be received no later than six months from their date of issuance.

**Currency**–The affidavit and all supporting documents should clearly state U.S. dollar amounts and not amounts in foreign currencies (i.e. yen, rupees, euros, etc.). These funds must be readily available to support your education. For example, real estate holdings or other non-liquid assets DO NOT apply.

**Dependents**–Students planning to bring a spouse and/or children must provide evidence of additional financial support: a minimum of \$7,500 for spouse and \$3,000 for each additional dependent for the first year.

**Notarization**–All affidavits must be notarized (attested or certified). In the U.S., the affidavit of support must be sworn to or affirmed before a notary public (available at most banks).

In other countries, U.S Embassies, bank officials or lawyers in the home country may be used for this purpose.

**Supporting documents**–Any supporting documents that have not been notarized or certified will not be accepted. **Please note:** If necessary, Biola University reserves the right to require one year's tuition in advance before mailing an I-20.

**Mail the Financial Affidavit of Support and all supporting documents to:**

**Biola University Admissions Office  
13800 Biola Avenue  
La Mirada, CA 90639**