Financial Documentation

F-1 and J-1 students must prove they have sufficient funding to meet their educational and living expenses for their degree program. F-1 Students must show funding to cover one year of expenses and provide evidence that this funding will continue to the end of the degree program. J-1 students must show funding to cover one year of expenses at the beginning of each academic year or funding for the duration of the program.

Evidence of funding must be original documents, less than 6 months old and funds must be “liquid” meaning that they must be easily and readily accessible for use. Real estate, personal property, life insurance or other non-liquid assets are not acceptable as proof of funding. Documentation must be in English. If it is not available in English, please secure an official translation and have that documentation notarized.

Note that both F-1 and J-1 students have very limited abilities to work in the U.S. and F-2 dependents may not work at all, so students must ensure that their funding will continue for the duration of their programs. J-2 dependents are able to work, but just to cover their expenses and not the J-1 student expenses.

Personal Funding (financing your own education):
- Provide a letter from your bank on bank letterhead or a certification of deposit indicating your name, the current balance and when the account was opened.
- Or, if a loan will be your source of funds, provide a copy of the loan approval. (Loan application documents will not be accepted).

Family/Private Funding (funds from family or other individuals):
- Provide a letter from the bank on bank letterhead or a certification of deposit indicating the sponsor’s name, the current balance and when the account was opened.
- Also, provide an affidavit of support (see below).

Scholarship/Assistantship (funds from Widener, your government, or other agency):
- Provide a letter on company letterhead indicating the amount and duration of funding.

Affidavit of Support

I, ________________________, certify that I will financially support _______________________
(sponsor’s name)  (student’s name)
who is my ____________________________ while the student attends Widener
(relationship)
University. I will provide ______________ per year to pay tuition, fees, living expenses, books/supplies, medical insurance, dependent expenses, and other educational expenses. This funding will continue throughout the student’s program of study which will take __________ years to complete.

________________________________________________ SIGNATURE and DATE