Official Financial Documentation Requirements

All applicants must submit official financial documentation showing funds equivalent to 1 year of estimated annual costs. NDSU reserves the right to request documents be resubmitted if they cannot be verified as authentic or original statements. This item will be removed from your application checklist when sufficient documentation is received by mail.

Examples of acceptable documentation:

1. **Official Bank Statement** (checking or savings account statement, certificate of deposit, account balance confirmation, educational/bank loan)
   - Date issued - not more than one year old
   - Account holder name/loan recipient name - If you are not the account holder, or if the account holder has a different last name than your own, please also include an affidavit of support which is signed by your sponsor
   - Account type - if the account is not a checking or savings account, please request your bank to include information indicating whether the funds in the account can be withdrawn at any time
   - Account balance (or loan amount) - amount and currency used
   - Original signature from a bank representative - your bank representative needs to sign the document with an ink pen so that we can determine the signature is original when opened in our office
   - Original stamp from the bank - this stamp should be placed on the bank statement with ink so that we can determine the stamp is original when opened in our office

2. **Government sponsorship letter**
   - Date - semester and year of application term to which you are applying or recent date of issue
   - Name of intended receiving institution as North Dakota State University (if financial guarantee)
   - Recipient's full name and student ID
   - Sponsorship type/name
   - List of fees/expenses covered by sponsorship
   - Signature from Ministry of Education, embassy, or cultural mission representative
   - Stamp from Ministry of Education, embassy, or cultural mission (if financial guarantee)

3. **External scholarship award letter**
   - Date of award availability
   - Recipient's full name
   - Award type name
   - List of fees/expenses for which the award is allowed to be used (example: only tuition, any school-related expense, etc.)
   - Original signature from scholarship organization/group representative
   - Original stamp from scholarship organization/group

4. **Athletics Financial Aid Agreement**
   - Must be sent directly from NDSU Athletics department

*Unofficial documentation includes (please DO NOT send these types):*

- Investment statements, life insurance statements, solvency certificates, electronic account summary print-outs, tax returns, liquid assets (such as property, jewelry, or a business), account statements from another F-1 student or notarized, colored, scanned, emailed, unsigned/unstamped, or faxed copies of any documents

**DEPENDENTS:** If you plan to bring dependents with you, the official financial documentation must also show the following additional support: $8,500 for a spouse and $3,500 for each dependent child.