

Form DS-2019 Proof of Funding Requirements

In order to obtain a Form DS-2019, the document which is used to apply for a J-1 visa, a student must demonstrate that sufficient funds are readily available to meet all expenses for the duration of their academic program. The end date of your J-1 program as reflected on the DS-2019 is determined, in part, by the amount of funding you can show. Funding for an exchange visitor J-1 program must, in almost all cases, be from a source other than primarily personal or family funds.

Funding amount:

You are required to demonstrate available funds that are, at minimum, equal to the total amount listed on the “Estimated Cost of Attendance Worksheet” for your entire academic program. It is acceptable to have multiple sponsors and/or a combination of acceptable document types to meet this requirement.

Acceptable Documents:

Support/Funding/Assistantship Offer letter from the University of Colorado Boulder
Sponsorship letter
Scholarship award letter

Sponsorship Letter Criteria:

- Must mention the University of Colorado Boulder
- Must be dated within 6 months of submission date
- Must include:
 - Full name of the student
 - Level of study (Bachelors, Masters, etc.)
 - Major
 - Admission Term
 - The statement the sponsor will “cover all tuition and required fees”
 - The duration of the support
 - The amount of the MONTHLY stipend
 - The number of months, per year, the stipend will be received

Scholarship Award Letter Criteria:

- Must be printed on official letterhead
- Must be signed by the sponsoring agency
- Must be dated within 6 months
- Must state the amount, length, and type of award

Documents NOT Accepted:

- Older than 6 months
- Personal or family funds (with limited exceptions)
- Sponsor Letters stating they are “For Admission Purposes Only”