

# Young Harris College

## Instructions for the Financial Guarantee Statement (FGS)

Listed below are the procedures necessary to obtain the Certificate of Eligibility (the SEVIS I-20 for F-1 student status). The process for issuing the Form I-20 will begin once you have been admitted to the College and have submitted the necessary documentation to the Office of Admissions. If you currently hold an F-1 student visa and plan to transfer from another US institution to YHC, you are required to adhere to the following procedures.

The Department of Homeland Security/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services requires all students to provide documentation that sufficient financial resources are available to meet a student's prospective educational and living expenses while in the U.S. Therefore, Young Harris College requires a guarantee of financial resources from each applicant who expects to obtain or maintain Student (F-1) status. It is important you are aware of the cost of attending YHC and that you have all necessary funds to support yourself. You **must** comply with the following procedures:

- 1 Meet the annual estimate of costs as stated below.
- 2 Complete the **Financial Guarantee Statement** and include appropriate documentation. It is very important all questions be completed and accurately answered in order to avoid unnecessary delays in processing.
- 3 Have your sponsor/sponsors read this information and complete the Sponsor's Statement section.
- 4 Return the **Financial Guarantee Statement** to:  
Young Harris College  
Office of Admissions  
PO Box 116  
Young Harris, GA 30582

Your completed Financial Guarantee Statement will be reviewed by the Office of Admissions to determine your ability to meet the financial obligations while you are attending the College. If your FGS is not approved or there are additional questions, you will be notified by mail and/or email.

International students are eligible for merit-based scholarships (academic, athletic or fine arts) at Young Harris College. Please refer to our website ([www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)) or contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>	
Cost of study for nine months beginning August 2015	
Tuition & Fees <sup>1</sup>	\$28,017
Room & Board <sup>2</sup>	\$11,075
Personal Expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$4,000
Health & Medical Expenses <sup>4</sup>	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,292</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated expense is based on 2015-2016 Financial Aid Student Budgets. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Students are charged the same rate for 12 to 18 semester hours. An additional fee will be charged for hours taken in excess of 18 hours per semester.

<sup>2</sup> Room & board charges apply to all students living on campus. This is based on the Tier Two annual room rate of \$5,825 and includes unlimited meals per week in the campus dining facility along with \$150 Flex Dollars. All students under 22 years of age and not residing with their immediate families are required to live in the residence halls.

<sup>3</sup> Personal expenses include textbooks and supplies (estimated at approximately \$730 per semester), personal care expenses, other incidentals. It does not include travel between countries or within the United States or summer living expenses.

<sup>4</sup> All international students are **required** to carry medical insurance which meets College requirements. A policy is available for purchase through the Office of Health and Wellness Services. This figure includes the cost of the policy plus medical expenses which could be incurred while in the US.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Immigration regulations require that undergraduate international students enroll for at least 12 credit hours per semester. International students must register as full-time students during fall and spring semesters in order to be in status for immigration purposes. Students who are admitted for the summer semester must enroll full-time for that semester and subsequent semesters.

## **TUITION**

Young Harris College requests payment IN FULL for charges owed for the semester. Statements are mailed prior to the beginning of each semester. Payments can be made by cash, check (must be drawn from U.S. banks), money order or credit card. The College also has a special account set up for having money transferred. Please contact the College for additional information.

## **INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Due to the high cost of medical care in the United States and difficulty in getting various foreign plans to pay for medical care obtained in the States, international students are **required** to purchase either the Markel Basic and Increased Supplemental Limit insurance plans or a plan of equal or greater coverage from another company that has an office in the United States. If the student has purchased an insurance plan that meets or exceeds the standards outlined on the International Student Health Insurance Waiver/Acceptance form, the Markel policy may be waived by completing the International Student Health Insurance Waiver form and obtaining permission from the Director of Student Health Services.

You will **NOT** be able to register until you have satisfied the medical insurance requirement. You must be prepared to purchase insurance immediately upon your arrival, unless you have an alternate insurance plan approved. For additional information and payment instructions, please contact Mrs. Knies at (706) 379-5160 or lknies@yhc.edu.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION**

Failure to comply with any of the following may delay your admission to the College.

- All bank, scholarship, and sponsor letters must be originals with original signatures. **COPIES OR FAXES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** These letters must also specify the amount of funding available to you.
- Letters must be current. Correspondence older than 6 months from expected date of entry will not be accepted.
- Your name must be on bank, scholarship, and sponsor letters.
- The funding you demonstrate must be sufficient to meet the costs of attending Young Harris College as specified.

It is likely you will also need this documentation to prove to the United States Officials and U.S. Immigration you have sufficient funds to study in the U.S. Therefore, it is suggested you request **two originals** of documents for this purpose.

If there are any questions regarding the completion of the Financial Guarantee Statement or the supporting documents required, please contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 241-3754, extension 5254 or nmaddox@yhc.edu.



## Financial Guarantee Statement (FGS)

This form is to be completed by international students applying for F-1 status. Please read the preceding pages for important information on completing this form and providing appropriate supporting documents. This form is not an application for admission but is required supplemental information. A SEVIS I-20 Form will not be issued until you have been admitted to the College and this form has been approved.

Please return this form and supporting documents to: Young Harris College, Office of Admissions, PO Box 116, Young Harris GA, 30582.

To be completed by YHC Admissions official only:

Approved       Denied

Sign/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print or type

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student number/U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Family (Last) Name
First (Given) Name
Middle or Maiden Name

2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sex     Male     Female  
Month/Day/Year

4. Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

5. Foreign Address  (required by DHS/USCIS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
State/Province
Postal Code
Country

6. U.S. Address  (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
State/Province
Postal Code

**Please indicate above  which address we should use to mail your SEVIS I-20.**

### VISA INFORMATION

#### **Applicants currently in the United States –**

- Please indicate  your current visa status and attach documentation (a copy of your current I-94 and the visa page of your passport):  F-1     F-2     J-1     J-2     A-1     B1/B2     E     H-1     L-1  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- If you are currently in F-1 or J-1 status, please submit a copy of your SEVIS I-20 or DS2019 and obtain our Transfer Form, available at [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu). **NOTE:** If you have violated your F-1/J-1 status, you must indicate if you plan to apply for reinstatement with USCIS or make new entry to the U.S. with YHC I-20/DS2019.

**Dependents:** If your spouse or any other dependents will be joining you in the U.S. please provide their information below. You must attach documentation showing financial support for your dependents (\$5,000 for your spouse and \$2,500 for each child).

Name	Relationship	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

You must indicate how you plan to meet expenses for your studies at Young Harris College. Certified original letter(s) (copies or faxes are not acceptable) must accompany this form. Acceptable letters will come from a bank, government, or organization/association and will verify the amount of funds available for your studies at YHC. All letters must be in English, or be accompanied by an official translation, and figures must be stated in U.S. currency. Letters dated more than 6 months prior to date of entry will not be accepted. If you are sponsored by more than one individual, a bank letter and sponsor statement are required for each sponsor. (The sponsor statement can be duplicated and a sample bank letter has been provided.) The total of all bank letters and financial support statements must be at least \$39,908 USD.

Please indicate  how you will be funded:

I am planning to support myself through personal savings. I have attached a certified letter from my bank which verifies that I have U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in my account, enough to support myself through my degree program at Young Harris College.

I will be supported by my parents or a sponsor, who lives outside the U.S. I have attached a certified letter from the bank of my parents/sponsor which verifies that U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are available for me to study at Young Harris College. Also, my parent/sponsor has signed the statement below verifying commitment to make these funds available to me.

I will be supported by my parents or a sponsor who lives in the US. I have attached a certified letter from the bank of my parents/sponsor which verifies that U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are available for me to study at Young Harris College. Also, my parent/sponsor has signed the statement below verifying commitment to make these funds available to me.

My government is sponsoring my studies. I have attached a certified letter from my government which verifies that U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are available for me to study at Young Harris College.

I will be supported by an award, which I will be receiving from \_\_\_\_\_. The amount of this award is U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I have attached a certified letter which verifies their commitment to support me in my studies at Young Harris College.

In case of emergency, I will have other sources available. Name of other source: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.  
**Print sponsor's name**

I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount of US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.  
**Print applicant's name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT**

I certify that all statements on this form are true and accurate, and that funds will be provided as specified above. I will notify Young Harris College of any changes in my financial circumstances or those of my sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## **SAMPLE BANK LETTER**

Document should be on bank letterhead and/or include bank seal

Bank Name

Date

Young Harris College  
PO Box 116  
Young Harris, GA 30582  
USA

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that (student's name or sponsor's name) holds a (type of account) with our bank. The current balance of this account is \$ (exact amount in U.S. dollars). This account can be accessed by (name of student or sponsor's name) at any time for educational purposes.

Bank official's signature  
Bank official's name (typed)  
Position

## ADDITIONAL SPONSOR STATEMENTS

### SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.

**Print sponsor's name**

I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, \_\_\_\_\_, in the

**Print applicant's name**

amount of US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.

**Print sponsor's name**

I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, \_\_\_\_\_, in the

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amount of US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read and understand the above financial statement.

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I further certify that I have financial resources to cover expenses for the student, \_\_\_\_\_, in the

**Print applicant's name**

amount of US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for each calendar year while this person is in the United States. An original letter on bank letterhead reflecting a balance of at least this amount in US currency is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_