



# AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT INSTRUCTIONS

International undergraduate applicants must demonstrate sufficient funding to cover educational expenses while attending Messiah University. As part of your application, you will submit the Affidavit of Support Form with corresponding reliable financial documentation.

Messiah University will not make an admissions decision until all required financial documents are submitted.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE COSTS\*

Tuition	\$43,815
Room (housing) & Board (food)	\$13,150
Fees	\$1,090
Books & Supplies ( <i>estimate</i> )	\$1,370
Health Insurance ( <i>estimate</i> )	\$2,125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,550*</b>

\* The billed costs (not estimated costs) at Messiah University increase approximately 2-3% annually. Information detailing the exact costs for next year will be available in February/March. Students are expected to cover any increase in the above expenses each year of enrollment.

## STEPS TO COMPLETE AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

### 1. Indicate your Financial Status

Some international students have the ability to fully fund their education and are not seeking any financial assistance. Other international students do not have sufficient funding and need financial assistance in order to attend Messiah University. While Messiah University does offer partial need-based aid to international students, this is limited and does not cover the full cost of attendance for any student. On average, a first-year student will need approximately \$33,150/year and a transfer student will need approximately \$38,150/year to support a Messiah University education. As part of the application process, students and their parents/guardians must complete the Affidavit of Support Form regardless of their financial status.

### 2. Complete and Upload the Form

In Section D, provide an overview of your family's financial situation. In Section E, note the type and amount of funds that you intend to use toward your educational expenses. Financial resources that will not be used toward your education expenses, or amounts in excess of the projected expenses, should not be included in this table. The form must be completed and signed by both the student and the parent/guardian.

### 3. Upload Corresponding Financial Documentation

Applicants must upload verifying documents for all funding sources. Examples follow.

- **Bank Letter:** Signed, dated letter from your bank stating current account balance(s)
- **Bank Statements:** 3 months of recent bank statements showing a consistent average balance that does not drop below your estimated yearly attendance amount.
- **Certificate of Deposit:** CD should bear unexpired withdrawal date or unexpired maturity date
- **Fixed Deposit Slip/Receipt:** Receipt should bear unexpired withdrawal date or unexpired maturity date
- **Letter of Support & Verifying Bank Documentation:** If you have a sponsor or other funding source, such as a relative, government agency, outside scholarship or church stipend, then submit a letter of support that is written and signed by the sponsor. Also submit verifying bank documentation of the sponsor's source of contribution towards your expenses like a bank letter or 3 months of recent bank statements.

#### All financial information is confidential.

The Affidavit of Support and financial documents may be submitted using Messiah's secure file upload system by clicking [here](#) or they can be emailed to [international@messiah.edu](mailto:international@messiah.edu).

# AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FORM

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION



## SECTION A – STUDENT INFORMATION

Write your name exactly as it appears on your admission application and your passport. We will use this name on any applicable immigration forms.

Surname (family name)

First (given name)

Middle

☐ Mr. ☐ Miss ☐ Mrs.

Permanent Address (Number & Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country)

Home Phone Number ( )	Cell Phone (if available) ( )	Student Email Address
Parent/Guardian Email Address		Mailing address to receive paperwork (if different than permanent address)
Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	

**For applicants currently in the United States on a non-immigrant F-1 visa, please fill in this section:**

Visa Status \_\_\_\_\_

SEVIS number, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B – FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Give the following information for those who are dependent on your parents for daily living expenses:**

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## SECTION C – FINANCIAL STATUS

Please indicate your financial status by checking one of the boxes below. Any nondisclosure/omission of a substantive material fact (the hiding of important information) will result in termination of the student's SEVIS record and I-20.

### ☐ I cannot fully fund my education.

I recognize that I will need scholarship assistance if I am to attend Messiah. If I do not receive scholarship assistance, I will not be admitted to Messiah.

I will indicate the amount that I am able to contribute toward my education on the Affidavit of Support Form and provide financial documentation to verify this amount.

### ☐ I am not in need of financial assistance.

My family and I will be providing full funding for the duration of my Messiah education. I recognize that I am still eligible for merit-based scholarships but I also affirm that I take responsibility for covering my billed and personal expenses while at Messiah. I will complete the Affidavit of Support Form and provide financial documentation to verify my ability to finance my education.

## SECTION D – FINANCIAL INFORMATION (DO NOT LEAVE BLANKS. ENTER "0" IF NONE.)

**Give the present value of family assets. Please be sure to indicate the amount in US dollars.**

Home	U.S.\$ _____	Checking Account	U.S.\$ _____	Investments	U.S.\$ _____
Land/Buildings	U.S.\$ _____	Savings	U.S.\$ _____	Other	U.S.\$ _____

**List your sources of income:**

	INCOME (last year)	INCOME (current year)
Yourself	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Parents	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Other: _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____

**SECTION E – INTENDED FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES**

Please list all sources of your financial support in U.S. dollars. For students who are able to fully fund their education, total financial contribution must equal \$61,550 multiplied by the number of years needed to complete a Messiah undergraduate degree (usually four years total). For student who have indicated that they cannot fully fund their education, total financial contribution must equal the maximum amount that the student/family is able to contribute towards educational expenses per year.

**DO NOT LEAVE BLANKS. ENTER "0" IF NONE.**

INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT (IN DOLLARS) FROM EACH SOURCE	FIRST YEAR (ACTUAL)	SECOND YEAR (PROJECTED)	THIRD YEAR (PROJECTED)	FOURTH YEAR (PROJECTED)	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED Please send scanned copies of all documents to International Admissions at <a href="mailto:international@messiah.edu">international@messiah.edu</a>
Family income from work that will be used for educational expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	Provide signed statement from employer(s)
Family cash, savings, checking, and investments that will be used for educational expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	Provide an official bank document for each bank listed below.
Name of Bank _____ Account Holder _____ Account Balance/value \$ _____ Name of Bank _____ Account Holder _____ Account Balance/value \$ _____ Name of Bank _____ Account Holder _____ Account Balance/value \$ _____					
Other Funding Sources (private sponsors, relatives, government agencies, outside scholarship sources, etc.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	Provide Letter of Support and verifying bank documentation.
Other (explain): _____ _____	\$	\$	\$	\$	Please detail the sources from "Other." Provide signed documentation.
Total amount your family will contribute towards expenses. <b>Add up each column.</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ _____ TOTAL FOUR YEAR FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Comments: Use the space provided to describe special circumstances or other information that the institution should consider including significant increase or decrease in family income next year:

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I/we declare that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. I/we shall notify Messiah of any changes in financial support. Messiah has permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed. I/we understand that any misrepresentation may result in Messiah revoking my admission or terminating my enrollment, SEVIS record and I-20.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT print out and sign, or type as your electronic signature

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF DEPENDENT STUDENT) print out and sign, or type as electronic signature

DATE