

# CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

## Form I-20 or DS-2019

Applicants should note that Temple University will issue the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) only after all materials are received by the University's International Student and Scholar Services. Issuance of the certificate can take several months. Please apply early.

**Include a copy of your passport; the Form I-20 or DS-2019 must match your passport.**

### International Student Information

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ City of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F  
Country of permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

### FOREIGN ADDRESS

*A Certificate of Eligibility cannot be generated unless we have your foreign address.*

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Temple ID # (9XXXXXXX) \_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the address to which you would prefer your I-20 or DS-2019 be sent?  Yes  No

If not, indicate your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married?  Yes  No If "Yes," will your spouse and/or children join you?

Yes, they will join me now. (Please complete information below.)  Yes, they will join me after I get settled.

I am married, but my dependents will not join me.

### DEPENDENT INFORMATION

*A dependent is defined as a spouse or child. Attach additional sheets if child(ren) will accompany. If more than one dependent will accompany, please include all of the following information for each dependent on a separate piece of paper.*

Relationship:  Husband  Wife  Child

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F  
Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic & Immigration Information

Semester applied for:  Fall  Spring  Summer I  Summer II \_\_\_\_\_ Year

Level of study:  Undergraduate  Graduate  Professional Field of study (major) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in the U.S.?  Yes  No If "Yes," what visa classification do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your immigration documents: I-94 card, passport information page, I-20 or DS-2019 forms. SEVIS ID # \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not in F-1 or J-1 status, do you plan to: travel outside the U.S. and apply for F-1/J-1 status at the U.S. Consulate?  Yes  No  
or apply for a change of status in the U.S.?  Yes  No

See [temple.edu/iss/future-students/status.html](http://temple.edu/iss/future-students/status.html) if you plan to change your status in the U.S.

### Receiving Your Certificate of Eligibility

Regular mail (no charge to applicant; no tracking number can be provided with this service and it could take up to a month for international mail)

UPS express mail (related charge will be placed on your credit card bill; check [www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com) for shipping rates)

Credit Card Information (To be completed if UPS selected above):  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  Visa

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card security code \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code associated with the card \_\_\_\_\_

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEE:** The International Student Fee of U.S.\$100.00, implemented in Fall 2011, is assessed each semester an international student registers at Temple University. The fee not only permits ISSS to provide comprehensive immigration-related services to our students, but also supports a broad range of extracurricular programming, including such activities as airport pick-up, a two-week series of orientation events and regularly scheduled events throughout each semester.

**DEPENDENTS' SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS:** In addition to the expenses listed in this application form, you must provide additional financial documentation if you plan to bring your spouse and/or child(ren). You must have an additional \$4,000 for your spouse and \$2,500 for each child, as well as health insurance coverage for them.

Individuals in F-2 non-immigrant status, i.e., an F-1 student's dependent, are NOT permitted to study full-time unless they apply for and receive a change of non-immigrant status. If you are a spouse in F-2 status and wish to pursue a full-time degree program, you will be required to apply for a change of status. Information on how to obtain a change of status can be found at [temple.edu/iss/future-students/status.html](http://temple.edu/iss/future-students/status.html).

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Temple University requires all students in either F-1 or J-1 status to carry health insurance that meets the minimum standards determined by the U.S. Department of State:

- Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness
- Medical evacuation benefits of at least \$10,000
- Maximum deductible of \$500 per accident or illness
- Repatriation benefits of at least \$7,500
- Payment of at least 75 percent of covered expenses

**INITIAL EXPENSES:** Bring with you at least \$2,000 in the form of traveler's checks for initial expenses, even if you have a graduate/teaching/research assistantship. You may pay tuition by a check made payable to Temple University, credit card or traveler's checks, unless tuition is being provided by Temple University or another organization. For any questions regarding tuition payment, please contact Student Financial Services Office at [sfs@temple.edu](mailto:sfs@temple.edu) or (215) 204-2244. Be aware that it takes a minimum of two weeks for an international check to be processed by U.S. banks.

**HOUSING INFORMATION:** You should apply for on-campus housing as soon as possible, as spaces fill up very quickly each semester. Completing an application for housing does not guarantee that you will be given on-campus housing. More information about Temple University housing can be found at [www.temple.edu/housing](http://www.temple.edu/housing) or by phone at (215) 204-7184. If you have dependents who will join you, we strongly suggest that you arrive on campus alone so that you may find adequate housing, and have them join you after.

**FINANCIAL AID:** Temple University does not provide loans to students, and there is very little financial aid available to international students. You should not expect to find funds after arriving in the U.S. Students in F-1 status cannot apply for any type of off-campus work permission until they have been in valid non-immigrant status for one academic year.

**SPONSOR AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT:** Sponsors may be parents, family members or other persons who will provide financial support. It is not necessary that a financial sponsor reside in the U.S. If there is to be more than one sponsor, please make a copy of this document for each sponsor to complete. An individual financial sponsor may provide complete or partial support for you, but your total financial support must equal or exceed the total estimated costs.

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY: DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE I-20 AND DS-2019**

I-20 is the certificate of eligibility for F-1 status that indicates the school declares you've been accepted for a full course of study and you appear to be a bona fide student. F-1 is designated for students in academic and language study programs.

DS-2019 serves a similar purpose for J-1 status applicants who receive funding from sources other than personal finances, like government funding, scholarships or assistantships. J-1 is designated for exchange students, teachers, scholars, researchers, etc., who come to the U.S. under an educational exchange program. J-1 students must be financed, at least partially, by the U.S. government or home government. The J-1 visa carries with it a two-year home residency requirement, as well as mandatory health insurance standards set forth by the Department of State for all dependents in J-2 status.

Please note that B-2 and F-2 visa holders cannot engage in full-time study, nor are they eligible for any type of employment authorization, whereas J-2 visa holders are eligible for both.

## Sponsor Information

Name of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's current address \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, state that I am an adult of sound mind and disposition, and that I am competent to swear this affidavit on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, who is seeking admission to study at Temple University and for whom I will assume financial responsibility.

I intend to sponsor the student's dependents.

I do not intend to sponsor the student's dependents.

I have reviewed the estimated expenses attached to this form and agree that I will provide full financial support so long as the student is enrolled at Temple University. Financial support will meet costs for tuition and mandatory student fees, mandatory medical health insurance, room and board, and other personal living expenses for the duration of study.

I certify that if restrictions exist regarding transfer of funds between my country of residence and the United States, I have fully investigated them and am aware of the procedures I must follow to remit payment when it is due, and that I will guarantee payment when it is due regardless of existing funds' transfer restrictions.

I certify that the information provided in this Affidavit of Support and Bank Verification of Deposit is true and correct, and that I will provide funds to and assume full financial responsibility for this student for the duration of study at Temple University. Further, I authorize Temple University to verify that the above information is correct.

Sponsor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Bank Verification of Deposit

This is to be **HANDWRITTEN** in **ENGLISH** by a bank official.

Bank certification of sponsor accounts must be current and cannot exceed six months from the date of the bank officer's signature and stamp.

This form must be submitted with three to four months of the most recent bank statements.

This is to certify that the account holder, \_\_\_\_\_, is a customer of (bank name) \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her account was opened (date) \_\_\_\_\_, and for the past year has shown an average balance equal to U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The accounts are open and viable as of today's date. This certification is offered with no responsibility on the part of the financial institution.

Printed name of bank official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Bank address \_\_\_\_\_ Bank seal or stamp \_\_\_\_\_

Bank official signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form cannot be accepted without the bank officer's signature and bank seal or stamp.

## Transfer Recommendation Form

(Only for F-1 or J-1 students already studying in the U.S.)

If you are studying in a U.S. educational institution, you must submit this transfer recommendation form to your current international student advisor. To transfer from one school to another, you must first notify the school you currently attend that you intend to transfer to Temple University. This form should only be completed once you have been accepted to Temple University.

Upon your request your current school will update your record in SEVIS as a "transfer out" and indicate that you intend to transfer to Temple University. Your international student advisor will also indicate the release date of your SEVIS record, which will be the current semester or session completion date, or the date of expected transfer if earlier than the established academic cycle.

Your current school will retain control of your record in SEVIS until you complete the current term or reach the release date. At your request the international office may cancel the transfer request at any time prior to the release date.

Once the release date is reached, Temple University will be granted full access to your record in SEVIS and will become responsible for it. Your current school will convey to Temple University authority and responsibility for your record and will no longer have full SEVIS access. As such, a transfer request may not be cancelled by the current school after the release date has been reached. After the release date, Temple University must complete the transfer of your record in SEVIS and may issue an I-20 or DS-2019.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Temple ID # (9XXXXXXXX) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign the release of information section of this form and give it to your international student advisor at the school you attend currently or attended most recently.

### To Designated School Official

The above-named student has submitted an admission application to Temple University.

Current Immigration Status:  F-1  J-1

SEVIS ID # \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS release date \_\_\_\_\_

The student is in good standing and is/has been pursuing a full course of study since assuming valid non-immigrant student status.

The student is out of status and will need to apply for a reinstatement.

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of DSO \_\_\_\_\_ Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of DSO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax a copy of the front and back of all I-20s or DS-2019s issued. Materials may also be e-mailed to us at [iss@temple.edu](mailto:iss@temple.edu). Thank you.

### Please submit this form and supporting documentation through one of our secure systems:

1. Your TUPortal account (if you need assistance in accessing TUPortal, please visit [accounts.temple.edu/selfcare/login.jsp](https://accounts.temple.edu/selfcare/login.jsp), or contact Computer Services Help Desk online at [www.temple.edu/cs/helpdesk/contact/default.asp](https://www.temple.edu/cs/helpdesk/contact/default.asp) or by telephone at 215-204-8000);
  2. Dedicated FAX number: 215-204-3200; or
  3. Online submission through <https://tusafesend.temple.edu/> (requires logging in with your Temple University AccessNet ID and password, clicking on "Drop Off," and following the instructions provided).
- Please do not send sensitive information or documents through email as that is not considered a secure system.
  - All inquiries regarding the status of an application for admission should be referred to the Office of International Admissions for undergraduate applicants and to the admitting academic department for graduate applicants.

