Required Documents for Issuance of a Form I-20

The documents listed below are required by the Office of International Affairs before a new Form I-20 may be issued for any of the following purposes:

- Reinstatement of F-1 status
- Change of status to F-1
- Initial entry into the United States in F-1 status (example: for returning students)

Required documents

- Letter written by the student’s academic advisor on departmental letterhead verifying the student’s:
  - Next semester of full-time enrollment at Ohio State
  - Estimated graduation date
  - Degree level and field of study (example: bachelor’s in accounting)
- Financial support documentation (such as a bank statement or Graduate Associate appointment document) to match the estimated cost of tuition and fees, as well as living expenses, that will be listed on the new Form I-20
  - Please see the Acceptable Funding Documentation handout for the full list of documents the Office of International Affairs accepts
  - The immigration coordinator you meet with can confirm the required total for your academic program
  - Be aware that if you submit a bank statement that is not in your own name, you must also submit an affidavit of financial support signed by the account holder (the affidavit is available in the Forms and Handouts section of the International Affairs website)
- Passport copy – only the page(s) showing the student’s biographical information, picture and the passport’s expiration date
- Confirmation of the following addresses:
  - Home country living address
  - United States living address, if applicable
  - Current mailing address, including the postal code and phone number for the address