

2021/2022 Form I-20/F1 Visa Certificate Application and Financial Affidavit

Section 1: Student Information

Term You Plan to Start Full-Time Study Fall 2021 Spring 2022 Summer 2022

Campus Boston Charlotte Hamilton

Please write your name exactly as it appears on your passport.

Name _____
Family Name (Surname, Last Name) First Name (Given) Middle Name (if applicable)

Student ID # _____ Degree Program _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Female Male Country of Citizenship _____
Month Day Year

City and Country of Birth _____
City Country

Permanent Foreign Address _____
(Required for your SEVIS record) Address Line

City State or Province Country Postal Code

Current Mailing Address: _____
(If **different** from your Permanent Foreign Address) Street Number Street Name

City State or Province Country Postal Code

E-mail Address _____

Section 2: Current Visa Information (for those currently in the United States)

If you are currently in the United States, answer the following questions

1) Are you in the U.S. as an F-1 visa student? Yes No, I hold this visa classification: _____
(Common immigration classifications include B-1 Business, R-1 Religious Worker, B-2 Tourist, H-1 Temp. Worker)

2) What is the date that your permission to stay in the U.S. expires (if F1 visa, then D/S)? _____

3) If in F-1 Visa status, what institution (school) issued your latest I-20? _____
(You must include a completed SEVIS Record Transfer-In Form for GCTS.)

Section 3: Dependent Information (if applicable)

When you are a student, will any family members (dependents) **live in the United States with you?**

- Student Only (either the student is single, or the family will remain outside the U.S.)
- Student and Spouse (either the student is married without children, or the children will remain outside the U.S.)
- Student, Spouse and Children – How many children will live with you in the U.S.? _____
- Student and Children (no spouse in U.S.) – How many children will live with you in the U.S.? _____

Name <i>exactly</i> as appears on passport.	Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)	He/she come to live in the U.S.:	City of Birth	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter		<input type="checkbox"/> With student <input type="checkbox"/> At a later time <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Not</u> planning to live in U.S.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter		<input type="checkbox"/> With student <input type="checkbox"/> At a later time <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Not</u> planning to live in U.S.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter		<input type="checkbox"/> With student <input type="checkbox"/> At a later time <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Not</u> planning to live in U.S.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Son <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter		<input type="checkbox"/> With student <input type="checkbox"/> At a later time <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Not</u> planning to live in U.S.			

For additional dependents that will come to live with you in the U.S., write their information on a separate piece of paper.

Section 4: Financial Affidavit Instructions (*please read carefully*)

To complete the Form I-20/F1 Visa Certificate Application and Financial Affidavit, you must submit **financial documents indicating your ability to cover all expenses for one academic year** for yourself and your dependents [spouse, child(ren), if applicable]. All documents such as bank statements and support letters must have been prepared **within the last 3 months**. They must also indicate reasonable means of support for future years. Please note that the seminary and **U.S. Embassy and/or Consular officials will subject financial documents to careful review. At your visa interview, be prepared to explain your financial plan and submit original/additional documentation as needed.**

- **PERSONAL FUNDS:** Please submit a copy of a bank statement in your own name, or letter from a bank official, prepared within the past three months showing available balances sufficient to meet your expenses. Financial documents must include English translation if applicable.
- **PARENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** Please submit an affidavit of support along with a copy of your parent’s or relative’s bank statement or letter from a bank official indicating the amount of money (U.S. \$) available to your parent or relative for financial support. Financial documents must include English translation if needed.
- **PRIVATE SPONSOR SUPPORT:** Please follow the same requirements as “Parent and Family Support,” including the bank statement, and sponsor affidavit of support. Please be advised a business cannot support the student. Sponsors must use private personal bank statements.

- **GORDON-CONWELL SCHOLARSHIP:** We have your scholarship letter on file, but please note the amount.
- **GOVERNMENT AGENCY, CHURCH OR OTHER MINISTRY SUPPORT:** Please submit an official sponsorship letter (on letterhead) for each supporting organization. This letter must specify:
 - the name and address of the sponsor
 - total amount (U.S. \$) available to you for one academic year
 - seminary attending (i.e. Gordon-Conwell), degree program
 - period of time funding is guaranteed, and specifics about the funding (i.e., whether funding is renewable annually, for how many years, and any conditions of the award that you must fulfill) along with a sponsor affidavit of support.

Section 5: Financial Certification (required)

Calculated Expenses Table: Check (✓) the appropriate row that describes you and your dependents that will live in the U.S. This will indicate the required amount for financial documentation. Please note that the calculated expenses listed below **cannot be modified** under any circumstances. Students are not permitted to revise any of these figures based on individual determination, projected financial need, or anticipated costs.

Student Status (✓)	Tuition and Fees*	Living Expenses and Other**	Total 2021-2022 Calculated Expenses***
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Only	\$ 18,500	\$ 20,500	\$ 39,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Student and Spouse	\$ 18,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 46,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Student, Spouse, and 1 child	\$ 18,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 51,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Student, Spouse, and 2 children	\$ 18,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 56,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Student, Spouse, and 3 or more children	\$ 18,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 61,000

* Student services fees and eight (8) classes per year estimated for F-1 students at GCTS.
 ** "Living Expenses and Other" include the cost of housing and food, student health insurance, personal care items, laundry, clothing, local transportation, entertainment, etc. **This does not include transportation to and from the U.S., the cost of medical insurance for family members, and it does not include the cost of a vehicle.**
 *** Expect the cost of education to increase on an average of 3% each year. Consider this increase, as you plan for future years at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Please note that for F-1 visa purposes you need to prove 1-year financials (above) for your initial I-20.

Available Funds Table: Check (✓) each source of available funds and write amount of each source in available funds column. Verify that the AVAILABLE FUNDS total is equal to or greater than the CALCULATED EXPENSES total.

Source of Funds (✓)	Documentation	Available Funds
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement Attached	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit of Support Attached	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit of Support Attached	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GCTS Scholarship	<i>Letter on file with seminary.</i>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Government, Church or Other Ministry Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> Support Letter Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit of Support Attached	\$ _____
Total Amount of Available Funds		\$ _____

Section 6: Financial Support Verification and Additional Questions

1. Will your AVAILABLE FUNDS be enough to pay for the CALCULATED EXPENSES, for you and any dependents that will live with you in the U.S.? Yes No
2. Have you included **all** required financial documents (e.g. affidavits of support, bank statements)? Yes No
3. Do you understand that the payment of your student account (e.g., tuition bill) is required to be paid in full each semester at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary? Yes No

Section 7: I-20 Shipping Information – ***VOID DURING COVID*** **The I-20 will be emailed as a PDF document.**

How should we mail you the new I-20(s) from GCTS? Express Mail via eShipGlobal U.S. Postal Service
Student responsible for cost. No cost to student.
*To arrange for shipping, go to ***U.S. address only****
<https://study.cshipglobal.com/register/>
Look for Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and select Hamilton Masters
For all addresses outside of U.S.

Section 8: Certification and Signature

I, _____, certify that the above-mentioned information is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby certify that this 2021/2022 Form I-20/Visa Certificate Application and Financial Affidavit is correct, and I understand my responsibilities in providing the documentation as described. My sponsors and I commit to funds as promised and documented. I understand that falsification of any information is grounds for cancellation of my admission and subsequent enrollment at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Section 9: Submit the completed and signed I-20 Application and Financial Affidavit with Supporting Documentation*

Please complete and submit to: internationaloffice@gordonconwell.edu

*Only complete applications including support documentation (financials) are processed. Please do not submit a partially completed application. Thank you.