

## **Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Board**

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The U.S. government regulations require that all international students show proof of sufficient funding for tuition, fees and living expenses while studying in the U.S. To issue an I-20, Biola University must receive this Affidavit of Financial Responsibility form and the Affidavit of Free Room and Board. Please note that the submission of inaccurate or incomplete forms and supporting documents will delay the issuance of an I-20.

Please upload this form and all supporting documents to your application portal or email them to [international.coordinator@biola.edu](mailto:international.coordinator@biola.edu) for processing.

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By completing this affidavit, you are swearing to the U.S. government that this student will live with you free of charge for room and food for every year he or she is studying at Biola University and living in the U.S. The student cannot be required to provide you with any services, such as babysitting, cleaning, etc., in exchange for room and board, as that is employment. You are also proving that you are the person who owns or rents the property and can afford the support you are promising with the documents you have attached.

Before signing the affidavit, you must understand that the financial commitment you are making to the student should not be broken. Sponsors who fail to provide the promised support cause pain and suffering and may even force students to drop out of school. Do not expect that the student will be able to help support the costs through employment. Employment is strictly controlled by the immigration service and is very limited.

### **HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:**

- Initial this first page as an acknowledgement that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of an Affidavit of Free Room and Board.
- Fill out the form on page 2 completely in English.
- Prove that you are capable of providing this support for every year of the student's program by attaching copies of one of the following documents. The name of the person who signs this affidavit of free room and board must match the name listed on the documents attached. Please check the box next to the document you will provide:

A Lease.

A Deed.

A Utility Bill.

*\*These documents must be less than six months old.*

*Initial in Acknowledgement*

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Sponsor Name:

*Sponsor First Name*

*Sponsor Last Name*

Student Name:

*Student First Name*

*Student Last Name*

Relationship to Student:

Sponsor Phone:

Sponsor Email:

*I,*

*promise that*

*(Sponsor full name)*

*(Student full name)*

*will live free of any charge with me in my home at the following address:*

I own this property.

I rent this property.

I will not require any type of service to be performed in exchange for this benefit.

## **Sponsor's Signature**

*I affirm that the contents and statements of this affidavit completed by me are correct. As the free room and board sponsor, I have attached a **copy of my deed/lease/utility bill.***

Signature:

Date:

*\*Signature must be wet.*