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Request for Family Member Visa Certificate

For International Students or Scholars to Bring Spouse and/or Children to the U.S. on F-2 or J-2 Visas

Please complete this form and return it to the International Student and Scholar Office, with appropriate financial documentation. Students or scholars inviting immediate family members to join them in the U.S. must show the minimum level of financial support (below) for at least the first year of the family members' stay. A sample format for financial documentation is attached: a two part set of documents which shows both the willingness and the ability of the student, scholar or sponsor to provide the required support.

The following members of my immediate family (spouse and/or children*) will be joining me in the United States:

Family Name	Given Name	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Relationship to Student/Scholar
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I understand that family members in F-2 status will not be permitted to work in the United States under any circumstance. Also, F-2 status does not permit full-time study nor pursuit of a degree. Those in J-2 status may be permitted to work, but must receive a work document from the U.S. Immigration Service before engaging in any U.S. employment. Further, I understand that F-2 and J-2 family members must be covered by medical insurance during their stay in the United States.

 Signature of student or scholar

 Date

*Please note that J-2 and F-2 status are only available to immediate family of students and scholars, defined as spouse and children only.

Minimum Required Support

Spouse: \$6,500

The minimum average living expenses for a dependent spouse are \$425 per month in the Baltimore area. The minimum total required support for one year includes this monthly amount, plus the cost of medical insurance. Because medical insurance plans vary in price, students and scholars should be aware that expenses could be considerably higher.

Child(ren): \$3,500 for one child and \$2,500 for each additional child

The minimum average living expenses for a dependent child is \$210 per month. This includes the approximate cost of medical insurance. (Because health insurance plans are generally sold to cover all children in a family, regardless of the number, the required amount for additional children is lower.)