

WELCOME TO The Art Students League of New York



HOW TO GET YOUR FORM I-20

Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 Student Status

IMPORTANT: *The information on the following pages carefully explains how to get your Form I-20. Please read it and follow the directions completely to avoid delays in getting your I-20.*

NOW THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO BE A STUDENT OF THE LEAGUE'S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU CANNOT DO!

1. DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. WITH A B-1, B-2, OR B-1/2 VISA

If you use a B visa to enter the U.S. you are saying "I'm here as a visitor" *only*. Since you contacted our school about study in the League's Certificate Program, this could be viewed as misrepresenting your purpose for entering the U.S. and you might be refused permission to extend or to change your status. Do not listen to people who say it is easy to enter the country as a visitor and change your status to F-1 Student. It is not true! U.S. federal regulations prohibit B Visitors from pursuing a course of study prior to obtaining a change of status to F-1 Student.

If your study plans are not certain and you want to enter the U.S. to visit schools, you must explain this on your visa application and ask the visa officer for a B-2 visa with the words "Prospective student" noted on it or have the words added to your B visa if you already have one.

2. DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. on the Visa Waiver Program (Waiver Tourist or Waiver Business)

If you are from a country from which you can enter the U.S. as a visitor by registering for ESTA, do not do this. You will be permitted to stay for only 90 days. You will not be given more time or allowed to change to F-1 Student status.

WHAT IS A FORM I-20 AND WHY DO YOU NEED ONE?

A Form I-20 is a government form that certifies you are eligible for F-1 Student status. That means that (1) you are or expect to be a "bona fide" student; (2) you meet our admissions requirements; (3) you will pursue a full course of study; (4) you proved to us that you have enough money to study and live in the U.S. without working illegally or suffering from poverty.

You need a Form I-20 to obtain an F-1 Student visa or status, or to keep lawful F-1 status when transferring or changing schools within the U.S.

DOES EVERYBODY NEED A FORM I-20?

NO, some international students do not need I-20's. B Visitors and F-2 dependents must obtain an I-20 and apply for a change of status to F-1 student to pursue a course of study that is not avocational or recreational in nature. If you are maintaining another nonimmigrant status in the U.S., you do not have to have an I-20 and may attend school full- or part-time. Dependent children in E, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, R, or S status need to change status after their 21st birthday or if they marry.

THESE ARE THE RULES FOR GETTING YOUR FORM I-20

1. **YOU MUST BE A “BONA FIDE” (REAL) STUDENT, ACCEPTED TO ONE OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE’S FULL-TIME CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS: FOUR-YEAR FINE ARTS PAINTING, FOUR-YEAR FINE ARTS PRINTMAKING, OR FOUR-YEAR FINE ARTS SCULPTURE.**
2. **YOU MUST PROVE TO US THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT THE COSTS OF LIVING AND STUDYING IN THE U.S. FOR EVERY YEAR OF YOUR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WITH THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE. THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO ISSUE THE FORM I-20.**
3. **DO NOT EXPECT THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WORK IN THE U.S. TO HELP MEET YOUR ANNUAL COSTS!** On-campus employment is limited; off-campus employment is strictly controlled by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
4. **CAREFULLY REVIEW OUR SCHOOL’S “ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS” ON PAGE SEVEN AND FIGURE OUT “YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS” IN THE WORKBOX ON PAGE EIGHT. THIS IS THE AMOUNT THAT YOU MUST PROVE THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT FOR EVERY YEAR IN YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY. (Estimate that it will take four years for a certificate of completion in Fine Arts Painting, Printmaking, or Sculpture.)**
5. **THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.** They represent a modest average budget that does not include luxuries of any kind. We strongly recommend that you budget at least 10% more if possible. Too little money causes pain and distress. Students and their families should look closely at the costs of living in New York City and studying at The Art Students League’s Certificate Program and make careful plans to ensure your needs will be met.
6. **EXPECT ANNUAL INCREASES** *in tuition and living costs of approximately 10%.*
7. **SOMETIMES, WE MAY HAVE TO ASK YOU TO GIVE US MORE PROOF OF YOUR FUNDING** – perhaps more than once. The U.S. government requires that we be sure, to the best of our ability, that you will have enough financial support during your stay.

THESE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING YOUR FORM I-20

1. **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR A FORM I-20 (pages 9-12)**
2. **IF APPLICABLE, HAVE YOUR SPONSOR(S) COMPLETE THE SPONSOR’S AFFIDAVIT AND ATTACH THE REQUIRED EVIDENCE. (pages 13-16)**
3. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR A FORM I-20, EVIDENCE, AND SPONSOR’S AFFIDAVIT TO US VIA EMAIL TO EWANG@ARTSTUDENTSLEAGUE.ORG . DO NOT SEND US ORIGINALS. KEEP THE ORIGINALS TO TAKE TO YOUR VISA INTERVIEW.**
4. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR I-20 APPLICATION, EVIDENCE, AND SPONSOR’S AFFIDAVIT AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU ARE APPLYING TO THE LEAGUE’S CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. THAT WAY, IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED, YOUR FORM I-20 CAN BE ISSUED.**

FUNDING SOURCES

YOUR FUNDING CAN COME FROM ANY COMBINATION OF SOURCES IN THE U.S. OR ABROAD:

1. **FUNDS FROM “SPONSORS” (parents, relatives, friends, organizations).** You may have as many **sponsors as you need**. Sponsors may provide you with support in the form of money and/or room and board. Free room and board is when you live with someone and don't have to pay for your room or food.

WARNING!

It is highly recommended that **at least part of your financial support come from your home country**. This helps when you apply for your student visa!

WARNING!

A sponsor should promise only as much money as he or she is capable of giving you. Some sponsors believe that the more money they promise the easier it will be to get your I-20. **THE MOST COMMON REASON WE REJECT FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS IS THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SPONSOR CAN AFFORD TO GIVE AS MUCH MONEY AS PROMISED.** A sponsor should promise only what he or she intends to give and only as much as can be afforded.

2. **PERSONAL FUNDS** come from your own resources, not those of anyone else. If your parents put money in your bank account, we will ask you to submit the evidence required of sponsors. Unless you have enough cash to support yourself for your entire program of study or can prove other sources of personal income, you will need a sponsor with an income sufficient to support you.
3. **FUNDS FROM THIS SCHOOL** Not all Art Students League support covers the entire program of study or all expenses, so you will need additional support to meet your minimum annual costs.

EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR THE FORM I-20 (attached) AND SUBMIT IT WITH ALL THE REQUIRED EVIDENCE OF FUNDING DIRECTLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE VIA EMAIL TO EWANG@ARTSTUDENTSLEAGUE.ORG (DO NOT MAIL US ORIGINALS; KEEP THEM FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW)

ALL DOCUMENTS YOU GIVE US MUST BE:

1. Less than two months old.
2. In English. (*We cannot review documents that are not in English!*)

EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

SPONSORS OF CASH SUPPORT:

1. **SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT AND EVIDENCE OF ANNUAL CASH SUPPORT.** This form may be copied for each sponsor. All questions must be answered.

2. **PROOF OF INCOME.**

Individual Sponsor:

- Income tax returns or receipts
- Pay stubs for last six months
- Bank/investment statements for the last six months

Company Sponsor:

- Business registration
- Licenses
- Profit and loss statement

3. **BANK STATEMENT in the name of the sponsor *only*.** A monthly statement of balances and deposits. Letters from bank officials will not be accepted in lieu of statements.

WARNING!

If there is no proof of income provided with a bank statement, the statement balance will be totaled and divided by the number of years in your program of study to determine the amount available to you for each year.

WARNING!

The income of a company *is not* the personal income of the owner of the business and will not be accepted as proof of income. The owner/sponsor must still provide proof of personal income.

WARNING!

If a bank statement is in the name of more than one person, each individual must submit an affidavit of support.

WARNING!

We cannot accept bank statements that do not specify monthly balances and deposits!

SPONSORS OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD:

1. **SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT AND PROOF OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD**
2. **PROOF OF INCOME: Any of the following with most recent pay stub:**
 - Income tax returns or receipts;
 - Pay stubs for last six months;
 - Bank/investment statements for the last six months
3. **COPY OF PROPERTY LEASE, DEED, RENT RECEIPTS, OR UTILITY BILL**

WARNING!

If you are presently in the U.S., you must be living with the sponsor at the time of filing this application for this to be counted towards your means of support.

PERSONAL FUNDS:

BANK/ASSET STATEMENT in your name: monthly statement of balances and deposits.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
The Art Students League of New York
 215 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019
 Phone: 1-212-247-4510, Fax: 1-212-541-7024

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
 2015-2016**

TUITION AND SCHOOL FEES

Tuition is for both the fall and spring session. Tuition does not include non-refundable school fees. Both tuition and school fees are subject to increase. Students are responsible to register and pay tuition at the start of each semester.

Program	Painting	Printmaking	Sculpture
Tuition Primary Class	2,250	2,385	2,385
Tuition Secondary Class	2,250	2,250	2,250
Studio Maintenance Fee	NA	90	90
Material Fee	NA	NA	90
Administrative Fee	500	500	500
International Student Fee	500	500	500
International Total	5,500	5,725	5,815

Table is an annual estimate of tuition and fees based on a student taking 2 Monday to Friday classes; 1st in their major and 2nd in a drawing or painting class.

**ENTER YOUR TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL
 COSTS FOR TUITION AND FEES.** \$ _____

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LIVING COSTS

Average living costs for a 12-month year are estimated below. This is a modest, "no extras" budget. It does not include a cell phone, for example. It is highly recommended that you bring at least 10% more.

HOUSING AND UTILITIES: \$13,956

FOOD \$3,509

PERSONAL ITEMS AND CLOTHING \$2,096

TRANSPORTATION \$1,398

This includes local transportation only. Travel to and from your country, or the costs of owning a car are additional expenses.

ART SUPPLIES \$2,000

Students are responsible for providing their own art supplies. This amount varies depending on class selection.

TOTAL: \$22,959

DEPENDENT COSTS

If you are going to be accompanied by a spouse or child, you must show additional evidence of financial capability to cover their annual expenses in the following amount: \$7,188 annually for your spouse; \$8,532 for each child. (These costs do not include medical insurance, estimated at an additional \$1,632 per year for yourself, an additional \$1,620 for your spouse, and an additional \$3,060 for your child.)

YOUR ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

TUITION AND FEES *(Enter the amount from the other side):* _____

LIVING COSTS: **\$22,959**

DEPENDENT COSTS: _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS:

Expect Annual Increases of Approximately 10% in Expenses

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APPLICATION FOR A FORM I-20

PART I: Personal Information

1. Name in Passport

Family/Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Enter your name exactly as shown in your passport. Attach a copy of your passport identification page.

2. Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

3. Gender: Male Female (Please check one)

4. Country of Birth: _____

5. Country of Citizenship: _____

6. Country of Permanent Residence: _____

7. Permanent address in home country

Number and Street _____
City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

8. Address in the United States (if known)

Number and Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

9. Dependents: A student wishing to have his/her family member(s) accompany him/her must document the following amounts for each family member per calendar year of intended study: Spouse: \$7,188 per calendar year; each child: \$8,532 per calendar year.

I plan to come without dependents.

The following dependents will accompany me (list names and relationships):

1. _____		
Name (Family/First/Middle)	Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	Country of Birth
Country of Citizenship	Gender	Relation to you (spouse, child)
2. _____		
Name (Family/First/Middle)	Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	Country of Birth
Country of Citizenship	Gender	Relation to you (spouse, child)

10. Telephone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

11. Have you been notified of your admission to The Art Students League's Certificate Program?

Yes No

Please note that your Form I-20 cannot be issued until you are accepted.

The Art Students League of New York
Form I-20 Application

PART II: If you are in the United States, now, complete this section. If, not, continue to Part III.

What is your Immigration Status? *You may attend school regardless of your Immigration status.*

F-1 What is your SEVIS ID Number? N _____

What is the purpose of your requested Form I-20? (Check One)

- Transfer In
- Change of program major at The Art Students League
- Regain F-1 Status

Another status: Which one? _____

Before we issue your Form I-20, we want to advise you. Please make an appointment to see the international student adviser.

Do you plan to travel outside the U.S. before school starts?

Yes Tell us how you would like to get your Form I-20 in Part III.

No If you are F-1, you will receive "Transfer In" or other instructions.

If you hold another status, we must meet with you before issuing your Form I-20.

PART III: If you are NOT in the U.S. now, complete this section.

DID YOU RECENTLY ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE U.S. IN F-1 STUDENT STATUS?

No

Yes If yes, what was the last date of your attendance? _____

If you attended a U.S. school last term and are just home on holiday between academic terms, you are considered a "Transfer In" and need to have your record transferred out to us before your Form I-20 may be issued. Please contact your international student advisor at your previous school immediately to authorize the release of your record to us.

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR FORM I-20?

MAIL: Your Form I-20 will be sent standard airmail to the name and address you indicate in the address box below. If you need express delivery service, you must arrange for someone in the U.S. to pick it up and send it to you. **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN ENGLISH, EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE ENVELOPE.**

Complete Name:	
Street 1:	
Street 2:	
City, State, Province	
Postal Code, Country:	

HOLD for pick-up by:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

PART IV: Student's Statement of Financial Support

Do not complete this part unless you have carefully read all instructions!

Which Certificate Program will you be pursuing? _____
(Four- year Fine Arts Painting, Printmaking or Sculpture)

What are your annual costs from the Workbook on page SEVEN?

Total Estimated Annual Costs:



How will you be funded for every year of your program of study? Please check off your funding below and indicate how much will be provided or available to you every year:

Source(s) of my support

Annual Amount

- Personal Funds:** *The amount available to me from my own resources every year is (divide by number of years in your program)* _____
- Funds from this School:** *renewable every year*
Type: _____
- Cash Funds from a Sponsor:** *to be given to me every year*
Sponsor's name: _____
- Cash Funds from a Sponsor:** *to be given to me every year*
Sponsor's name: _____
- Cash Funds from a Sponsor:** *to be given to me every year*
Sponsor's name: _____
- Free Room and Board from a Sponsor:** *with whom I will live*
Sponsor's name: _____
- On-campus employment:** *complete this only if you have a firm offer of employment or are presently working on campus. Attach evidence.* _____

Total amount available to me every year of study. This amount must be the same as or more than your minimum annual costs.

The following documents are attached to prove my funding:

My personal documents:

- Bank/asset statements*
- Proof of income/assets*

Cash Sponsor's documents (attach all three)

- Affidavit of Support*
- Proof of Income*
- Bank Statements*

Free Room and Board Sponsor's Documents (attach all four)

- Affidavit of Support*
- Proof of Income*
- Bank Statement*
- Lease, deed, rent receipts, or utility bill (that is, proof of residence)*

SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT AND EVIDENCE OF ANNUAL CASH SUPPORT

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIDAVIT MEAN?

By completing this affidavit, you are swearing to the U.S. government that you will provide this student with a specific amount of money, from your own financial resources, *for every year* he or she is going to study at The Art Students League of New York and live in the U.S. You are also proving that you can afford the support you are promising with the documentary evidence you have attached.

Before signing it, it is important to understand that you are making a financial commitment to the student that should not be broken. Sponsors who fail to provide the promised support force students to drop out of school and cause pain and suffering. Do not expect that the student will be able to help support the costs through employment. Employment is strictly controlled by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and very limited.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

- Fill this form out in English (or have it officially translated). Promise only the amount of money you are able to give. The most common reason we reject affidavits is that we do not believe a sponsor can afford to give as much as promised.
- Sign and date the affidavit.
- Attach the supporting evidence listed below. The affidavit will not be accepted without the required supporting evidence.
- Give the student the original documents and have him or her submit them electronically or make photocopies to mail or fax to us with the application for a Form I-20. The student will need to keep the originals to present to the consul at the visa interview.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE REQUIRED:

1. Proof of income (*any of the following*) with most recent pay stub:

- Income tax returns or receipts,
- Pay stubs for last six months,
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2. Bank statement in your name *only*. A monthly statement of balances and deposits.

- *If another person's name appears on your bank statement, that person also must complete a separate affidavit. A letter from a bank officer will not be accepted.*

THIS IS MY SWORN PROMISE OF CASH SUPPORT

I, _____, *My name* , **promise that I can and will give**
_____ *Full name of student* **no less than U.S. \$** _____
in cash for EVERY YEAR of the student's program of study at The Art Students League of New York.

My relationship to the student is _____
Parent, spouse, brother/sister, friend

My address is:

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

The following persons are fully or partially dependent upon me for their support. (Do not include the student named above).

Name Relationship to me Age

Name Relationship to me Age

Name of my employer: _____

Annual salary: _____ (USD) Other income: _____ (USD)

My proof of income and bank statements are attached: Yes No

I swear that the information I have provided above is true and correct

Signature of Sponsor

Today's Date

SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT AND PROOF OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIDAVIT MEAN?

By completing this affidavit, you are swearing to the U.S. government that this student will live with you free of any charge for room and food *for every year* he or she is attending The Art Students League of New York. (The student cannot be required to provide you with any services such as, babysitting, cleaning, etc., in exchange for the 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.

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- 3. Copy of your deed, lease, current rent receipts or current utility bill** to prove that you are the person who owns or rents the property.

THIS IS MY SWORN PROMISE OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD

I, _____, *My name* , **promise that for each year of his/her study at The Art Students League of New York,**
_____ *Full name of student* **will live free of charge with me in my home at:**

Address

City, State, Zip Phone: _____

- I own this property
- I rent this property

If the student is presently in the U.S., does s/he currently live with you? Yes No

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

My relationship to the student is _____
Parent, spouse, brother/sister, friend

My proof of income and are attached: Yes No

Deed or lease are attached: Yes No

I swear that the information I have provided above is true and correct

Signature of Sponsor

Today's Date