

2026 Exchange Visitor Funding Requirements

Federal regulations require Exchange Visitor Programs to verify that an exchange visitor applying for a J-1 visa has sufficient funding to cover expenses for the duration of the exchange visitor program (including dependent expenses if applicable).

For any program beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the University estimates the *minimum* amount of funding necessary to cover living expenses is:

	Funding per month of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program	Funding per year of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program
J-1 visitor	\$3,506	\$42,072
J-2 spouse*	\$1,425	\$17,100*
Each J-2 child*	\$1,009	\$12,108*

*The funding requirement for a spouse and child(ren) applying for a J-2 visa is in *addition to* the funding requirement for the primary exchange visitor.

Example: An exchange visitor with a program length of one year, and with 1 spouse and 1 child:

- J-1 requirement: \$42,072
- J-2 spouse requirement: \$17,100
- One J-2 child requirement: \$12,108
- **TOTAL:** \$71,280 for the one-year program

All exchange visitors must provide ISSS with documentation of the funding amounts noted above. Funding from multiple sources is acceptable.

The guidelines for the financial documents are:

1. Documentation must be in *English* and dated within *6 months* of submission to ISSS.
2. All documents must be on *official letterhead* of the entity providing the funding.
Institutions that can provide funding include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Exchange visitor's home country government organizations
 - b. U.S. government organizations
 - c. Educational institutions or organizations
 - d. Visitor's employer
 - e. CU Boulder (on CU payroll). A CU offer letter, signed by all parties, is required.
3. Documents that support outside (non-CU) funding must be in *English* and provide:
 - a. Specific dates the funding will cover
 - b. Amount of funding to be provided for the entire time at CU Boulder
 - c. Statement that the funding will support the exchange visitor's program
 - d. Signature from an authorized signatory at the organization

4. Documents that support personal funding, including from third parties such as family members and friends, must be in English, include the exchange visitor's name, and provide:
 - a. Exchange visitor's bank account (checking, saving, or similar account).
 - b. Exchange visitor's other financial accounts with liquid funds (i.e., an asset that can be readily converted to cash)
 - c. For third party documents:
 - i. Third party's bank account (checking, savings, or similar account)
 - ii. Third party's other financial accounts with liquid funds (i.e., an asset that can be readily converted to cash)
 - iii. Signed [Affidavit of Support](#).
 1. This document must be uploaded in the *Exchange Visitor Program Funding* e-form (included in the *DS-2019 Request*).