

# Rider University – Graduate International Student Supplement

## Westminster Choir College

### Part 1: Directions for Completion of Certification of Finances

To receive an I-20, you must complete this Certification of Available Finances and include the required documents.

1. After you have determined total costs for your first year, estimate the length of time it will take you to complete the program (typical estimate: 2-3 years). Please be aware that costs are likely to increase each year; the average tuition increase has been five to eight percent over the last several years.
2. Complete the following sections: Applicant Data, Student's Sources of Funds, Student Verification.
3. Have your parent and/or sponsor complete the Sponsor Verification.
4. If it is not possible to have your sponsor and/or bank official complete this form, please attach an original signed document in the form of a letter verifying funding.
5. Provide the additional required documentation as indicated below. All documentation must be in English and dated within the past six months.

Source of Funds/Special Instructions	Required Documentation
Personal/Family	Signature of sponsor(s) on this form. Bank verification on this form AND a bank statement verifying funds.
Government or Employer	Official letter from the agency documenting the name of applicant, amount of support per year and duration of award.
Scholarship	Official letter from the agency awarding the scholarship documenting the name of applicant, amount of support per year and duration of award.
Loans	Official letter from the credit institution indicating approval of the loan and the amount approved.
Room & Board provided by Sponsor	Letter from your housing provider stating that room & board will be provided free of charge. <i>In this case, you do not need to show proof of funding for room &amp; board.</i>

Please use the following estimated student budget to determine total costs for your first year. This budget is based on two semesters (September through May). Official bills for tuition and fees will be sent approximately two months prior to the start of each term.

#### **Estimated International Graduate Student Budget for 2009-2010**

<b>Westminster Choir College</b>
Tuition: \$28,470
Fees: \$840
Living Expenses <sup>1</sup> (estimate, 12 months): \$12,000
Books and Supplies: \$1,000
Personal Expenses <sup>3</sup> : \$3,500
<b>Total: \$45,810</b>

Other expenses for which you should budget but which are not included in the above estimate are:

- a) International transportation
- b) Summer session costs (tuition, room & board, etc.) if you plan to stay at Rider for the summer (not required)
- c) Spouse (\$5,000 per year) and/or children (\$2,500 per year) if applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Living expenses estimates are for 12 months, for off-campus housing. Students must independently secure housing, as on-campus housing is typically not available for graduate students. Only students who provide documentation stating the receipt of room & board free of charge are exempt from providing documentation for living expenses.

<sup>2</sup>Personal expenses include clothing, entertainment, local transportation, health insurance, etc. (All international students are required to either carry health insurance valid in the United States or enroll in the plan offered through Rider).

## Part 2: Graduate Certification of Finances

### Personal data

Legal Name (as it appears on your passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (last or family) (first or given) (middle name)

Permanent Address Outside of U.S. (required) \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of dependents accompany me to the U.S.

Name	Relationship to me	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

### Student's Sources of Funds in US Dollars (Must total at least \$45,810)

Enter the source and amount of annual support you will receive to finance your educational costs for one year. Support may come from one or a combination of the sources listed below.

Source	Assured Dollar Amount (per year for entire academic program)
<i>(Please see Directions page for more detailed information).</i>	
Personal Savings (must also complete A & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Bank _____	
Parent's Funds (must also complete A, B & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Parent _____	
Sponsor's Funds (must also complete A, B & C below, provide bank statement) Name of Sponsor _____	
Government Grant or Stipend (must also complete C below, provide award letter) Name of Agency _____	
Scholarships (must also complete C below, provide award letter) Name of Agency _____	
Loans (must also complete C below, provide loan approval letter) Name of Agency _____	
Other Means (e.g. free room & board provided by sponsor, etc.)	

### A. Bank Verification

Verification of finances may be provided in the form of an original bank letter, in lieu of this section.

I certify that the above-named sponsor has the amount shown above on deposit with our institution. This certification implies no responsibility on the part of this bank or financial agency.

Name of bank or agency \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Seal or Stamp:

Bank official's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Sponsor Verification

This is to certify that I (we) the undersigned have agreed to provide the funds indicated above for the purpose of full-time study at Rider University and that I (we) are submitted bank statements indicating the availability of these funds. I (we) further understand that Rider University will not provide need-based assistance to the applicant, that scholarship awards will not increase beyond the initial amount awarded., and that I (we) must provide these funds for the duration of the applicant's course of study.

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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### C. Student Verification

This is to certify that the information given on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am fully aware that any false or misleading statement will result in an automatic denial of admission, or cancellation of registration following enrollment.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_