

Confidential Statement of Financial Support

International students who are admitted to Erikson's master's degree programs may apply for F-1 status to be eligible to enter the US as a non-immigrant student.

If you wish to apply for F-1 status, United States immigration regulations require that you submit evidence of adequate funding to meet the estimated cost of attendance for your first year of study before a *Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20)* can be issued by Erikson Institute. Please complete and submit the enclosed *Confidential Statement of Financial Support*, along with a current (dated) original bank statement which bears the bank's seal verifying the availability of funds for the required amount. Please take note of the following as you begin the process of submitting your financial support documentation:

1. Bank statements or other documents indicating availability of fund should be no older than 90 days from the date you submit your *Confidential Statement of Financial Support*.
2. Documents must be issued in English or be accompanied by an official, notarized translation.
3. Declarations of assets/property, tax filing, or statements of estimated earnings from employers **cannot** be accepted. Nor can bonds, stocks, credit card limits. Any funds not immediately accessible are not acceptable.
4. Erikson is not responsible if the funds shown to be available by the student or sponsor(s) on the *Confidential Statement of Financial Support* become unavailable after the date on the document.
5. If you are receiving financial support from more than one sponsor, please complete and submit a separate *Confidential Statement of Financial Support* for each sponsor.

Passport information

In order to make sure that all of your immigration documents have your official, legal name on them, please submit a copy of the identification (photo) page of your passport along with the *Confidential Statement of Financial Support*.

Transferring your Form I-20 from another institution

If you are currently attending another institution in F-1 status and have been admitted to Erikson's masters or certificate programs, you must apply for a new "transfer" I-20 from Erikson. Please submit the *Confidential Statement of Financial Support*, a **Transfer Release Form** (available at www.erikson.edu/international), supporting financial documents and a copy of your passport's identification page as outlined above.

Students in other non-immigrant categories

If you entered the United States on a visa type other than F-1, please submit a photocopy of the identification (photo) page, the US visa stamp, and **both sides** of the I-94 card from your passport as verification of your current status.

Note: The documents outlined above are not admission requirements for Erikson's masters or certificate programs. They are required documents for the issuance of your *Certificate of Eligibility/Form I-20*.

If you have questions about any of the above information, please contact Amy Mikel, MBA, Executive Director of Marketing & Admissions at amikel@erikson.edu or call 312-374-5879.

Return the Confidential Statement of Financial Support and all financial documents directly to:

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Executive Director of Marketing & Admissions, Designated School Official
Erikson Institute
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Chicago, Illinois 60654-4510
Telephone: 312-374-5879

2023-2024 Student Budget & Financial Aid Information for International Students

Annual Cost of Attendance

Please use the Student Budget chart below to determine your estimated costs for your first year of enrollment at Erikson Institute. The Cost of Attendance assumes that international students will be enrolled in a full-time two-year program and will enroll in the number of credits indicated for the first year of each program. Note that these costs reflect estimated expenses for the 2023-2024 academic year; tuition and annual fees are subject to yearly increases. This cost of attendance represents the estimate of funds needed per year.

	MS in Child Development (26 credits)	MS in Early Childhood Education* (36 Credits)	Master of Social Work (38 credits)
2023-24 Fall/Spring/Summer			
Tuition	\$30,082	\$41,652	\$39,140
Annual Fees	\$600	\$600	\$600
Living Expenses	\$29,295	\$29,295	\$29,295
Books & Supplies	\$600	\$600	\$600
Personal Expenses	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200
Travel (CTA-Ventra)	\$250	\$250	\$250
Total	\$69,027	\$80,597	\$78,085
		*Full time program is 12 months total. There is no second year of degree program.	

Financial Aid Resources

We realize that the decision to attend Erikson involves a very serious consideration of the financial implications of such a decision. While international students are generally expected to fully finance their degree program, Erikson offers a limited number of scholarship opportunities for international students enrolled in one of the master's degree programs.

- *Employment Eligibility:* International students in F-1 status are permitted to pursue on-campus employment for up to 20 hours per week during the fall and spring semesters, and up to 40 hours during the summer and winter break periods. Student employment opportunities at Erikson are limited. Students can inquire about available positions when they arrive on campus for new student orientation.
- *Loans:* A selected number of banks offer loans for international students to finance their education. In order to be eligible, international students must have a co-signer who is a US citizen or permanent resident. For additional information about international student loans, please contact Senior Associate Director of Financial Aid, Monique Foster at mfooster@erikson.edu or call 312-893-7154.

Timing Considerations

Student visas are prioritized over tourist visas however, appointment wait times and processing times will vary by country depending on local U.S. embassy/consulate procedures. It is important to follow the guidance of the specific location where you will be applying for your student visa. Some individuals may qualify for an interview waiver, while others may need to schedule the first available appointment and work to obtain an expedited appointment closer to the start of the program date.

Generally, you will need to allow Erikson Institute 2 weeks to issue Form 1-20 after submitting all required documentation. The average for U.S. Visa appointment with wait and processing (U.S. consulate or embassy) is 1-3 months.

TERM	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION DEADLINE	TERM BEGINS IN
Fall Term	June 1	September
Spring Term	October 1	January
Summer Term	February 15	May
MSCD: Child Life	January 15	September
PhD (program starts every 2 years, in odd years)	February 15, 2025	September

Erikson Institute

Graduate School in Child Development

Confidential Statement of Financial Support & Application for *Certificate of Eligibility*

PART A: Student Information

Print your name as it appears in your passport:

Family (Surname) _____ Given (First) Name _____ Middle Name _____

Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence: _____

Permanent Home Country Address:

Number and Street Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Phone Number _____

Do you expect to come to the United States Alone With dependents

If you are coming with dependents, please fill out the following information as indicated on their passport and be sure to provide a copy of each dependent's passport photo page when submitting this application. Dependents can be spouse or unmarried, and/or minor child under 21.

	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy	Country & city of birth	Country of Citizenship	Gender M/F
Spouse						
Child						
Child						
Child						

PART B: Funding Information

Please use the Cost of Attendance figures in this publication to determine your estimated expenses for the first year of your enrollment. Note that these costs reflect estimated expenses for the 2023-24 academic year; tuition and fees are subject to annual increases. You may want to gather evidence to show financial support for your entire program length, as American embassies and consulates may require this type of evidence before issuing your visa.

You will need to show additional evidence of funding for each dependent that will enter the U.S. under your primary F-1 record. This is an estimate and may not reflect actual costs. Additional funding needed for one academic year:

- Spouse: \$6,000
- Per child: \$4,000

Student’s Personal Funds

Amount of personal funds available for first year of enrollment at Erikson U.S. \$: _____

Sponsor’s Funds

Name of Sponsor: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Number and Street Address

City	Province/State	Postal Code
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Country	Phone Number
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Amount of funding available for student’s first year of enrollment at Erikson U.S. \$: _____

I certify that I, _____, am willing and able to provide the above stated funds to
Full name of sponsor

_____ for educational expenses during her/his enrollment at Erikson Institute.
Full name of student

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Sponsoring Organization/Agency/Government

Please attach an original signed award letter that specifies the amounts provided for educational expenses and the time period covered by the award.

Name of Sponsoring Party: _____

Amount of funding available for student’s first year of enrollment at Erikson U.S. \$: _____

PART C: Student Certification

My signature certifies that all information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I agree that I am responsible for all expenses my dependents and I incur during my attendance at Erikson Institute. I understand that as a non-immigrant student I am expected to engage in full-time study, and with the exception of any financial assistance already offered to me by Erikson Institute, I do not expect Erikson to provide me with financial assistance or employment.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only

I certify that I have reviewed the attached financial documents and approve the issuance of a *Certificate of Eligibility*.

Signature of School Official: _____ Date: _____

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