



2018-19 Yeshiva University - MTA High School for Boys: I-20 Application

TERMINOLOGY

1. I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (I-20)

The **I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (I-20)**, is a U.S. government document that certifies that a student has met all academic and financial qualifications to attend a school in the U.S. A prospective student may apply for an F-1 student visa only after receiving an I-20, issued by the school they plan to attend. Yeshiva University - MTA High School for Boys (MTA) is authorized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to issue the I-20 to prospective students, once they meet all I-20 issuance conditions.

2. U.S. Entry Visa

A visa (F-1 student visa) is a travel document issued by a U.S. Consulate or Embassy abroad. Students are required to apply and obtain the F-1 student visa, in their home country, to study full-time in the U.S. Canadian citizens are exempt from the visa requirement (see below).

3. Canadian Citizens

Canadian citizens do not need a visa to study in the U.S., but they are required to enter to the U.S. with a SEVIS Form I-20 and request a legal F-1 student status at a the border. When you enter the U.S., a Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officer will inspect your documents and determine if you are eligible to be admitted as an F-1 student. Canadian citizens, who are driving or travelling by bus, must be sure not to skip this initial inspection process. If you simply drive across the border without inspection, you will be considered a tourist and not legally eligible to begin your academic program.

Note: Tourists and Visa Waiver Non-immigrants (ESTA)

Students may not legally begin studying in the U.S. in B-1/B-2 status or on a visa waiver (ESTA). Individuals, who enter the U.S. as a visitor, will be required to return to their home country to apply for a student visa before they can legally start studying in the U.S. Wait for your I-20 and apply for an F-1 visa. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER AS A VISITOR!**

All international students must demonstrate their ability to meet all educational and living expenses for their entire academic program to qualify for the Form I-20. The expenses listed in the I-20 application reflect the average annual amount of tuition, living and personal expenses for the average student. The living estimates are modest and do not include summer tuition or living expenses. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of State require sufficient proof of funding **because student employment is strictly limited in the U.S.** If students or parents have any questions, please contact the OISS at oiss@yu.edu or 646-592-4203.

The I-20 application begins on the next page. Please scan the application and documentation to: oiss@yu.edu

Remember to include:

- MTA acceptance letter
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of financial support (in English). Including:
 - MTA scholarship awards (if applicable)
 - Bank statement and promise of support if a parent or someone else is providing you with financial assistance. (see the last page of this application)
 - Loan from home country (if applicable)

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please enter your name exactly as shown in your passport. **Attach a copy of your passport identification page.**

Name in passport: _____
Last/Family Name First/Given Name Middle Name(s)

Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Country of Birth: _____ **Country of Citizenship:** _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Permanent address in Home Country (where you live, not a P.O. Box):

Street _____

City _____ State/Province/Territory _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Address in the U.S. (If Known):

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I am planning to begin at MTA (check one):

Fall (September) Spring (January) Year _____ Entering grade (9-12) _____

PART 2: ARE YOU IN THE U.S. NOW? PLEASE COMPLETE PART 2. IF NOT, YOU MAY SKIP TO PART 3.

What is your Immigration status? (Check one)

F-1 What is your SEVIS ID Number? N_____

If you are currently studying in the U.S. and in possession of a valid I-20, you must complete a “school transfer” procedure. Information describing the F-1 School Transfer procedure is posted on our website at: <http://yu.edu/student-life/resources/international/resources/>. Please read the information carefully so you understand what you need to do to smoothly transfer from your current school to Yeshiva University.

Another status: Which one? _____ Do you plan to keep it or change to F-1?

Before we issue your Form I-20 we want to advise you. Please contact oiss@yu.edu to make an appointment with the international student and scholar advisor.

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

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

IMPORTANT: F-1 Transfer students must use a Form I-20 issued by Yeshiva University when you return to the U.S. to begin your academic program at YU.

No Tell us how you would like to receive your Form I-20 in Part III

PART 3: IF YOU ARE NOT INSIDE THE U.S. NOW, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

Did you recently attend school in the U.S. in F-1 status?

- No**
- Yes** When was the last date of your attendance? _____

If you attended a U.S. school last term and are home on holiday between academic terms, you are considered a "School Transfer" and need to have your SEVIS record transferred to Yeshiva before your Form I-20 can be issued. Please contact your international student advisor at your previous school immediately to authorize the release of your SEVIS record to YU. Information about the F-1 School Transfer procedure is posted on our website at: <http://yu.edu/student-life/resources/international/resources/>.

How do you prefer to receive your Form I-20?

- Mail:** Your Form I-20 will be sent via Federal Express to the name and address you indicate in the address box below. 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:	
Phone (for FedEx)	
Email (for FedEx)	

- Hold for pick-up by:** Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PART 4: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students must document they have the financial means to cover the cost of studying and living in the U.S. for the entire length of their program of study. Yeshiva-MTA requires documentation showing readily available or “liquid” funds for the first year, and proof that adequate funds will be available for each subsequent year. Examples of acceptable documentation are on the next page.

EXPENSES:

The following is an **ESTIMATED** budget of expenses for an average student for one academic year, based on the current year tuition rates for the fall and spring semesters. Please keep in mind that this is an estimate and costs may vary depending on personal living expenses.

The expenses listed below do not include health insurance. Make sure to check that your health insurance will cover you inside the U.S. for illness, accidents and medicine. Health care in the U.S. is extremely expensive. A trip to an emergency room can easily cost \$1000 and up. If your health insurance does not cover you in the U.S., it is critical that you purchase a Yeshiva University Health Insurance.

Working inside the U.S. is severely restricted by U.S. immigration regulations. High School students are not permitted to work to supplement their expenses.

2018-19 Tuition and Fees

Total amount of money you need to show to qualify for the I-20: \$35,175 per year*

Tuition and Fees:	\$25,625
Tuition	22,500
Registration Fee	1,000
Security Fee	1,250
Housing Activity Fee (average)	275
Dinner Fee	600
Living Expenses:	\$9,250
Room/Housing:	4,750
Board/Meals:	3,000
Personal Expenses:	1,500
Other Expenses:	\$300
Books and Supplies:	300
Total Expenses for One Year:	\$35,175

* The expenses listed below do not include the summer (July - August) and do not include health insurance.

Living expenses are estimated for budgeting purposes. Students should also expect a 5% to 7% increase in all expenses every year.

SUPPORT:

How will you be funded every year? Funding may come from multiple sources. Each source must provide documentation. Please tell us your sources of support and the promised amount available to you each year:

Source	Amount
Personal Funds (student only): the amount available to me from my own resources every year is: <i>(divided by the number of years in your program)</i>	
Funds from Yeshiva University: <i>renewable every year</i> Type of scholarship (academic, merit based)/Loan:	
Cash funds from a sponsor: to be given to me every year: Sponsor's name:	
Free Room and Board from a Sponsor: <i>with whom I will live:</i> Sponsor's name:	
The total amount available to me every year of study: This amount must be the same or more than \$35,175 the estimated average annual expenses.	

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES:

- Document all sources of financial support. Students may show multiple sources of funding.
- All financial documentation must be on letterhead, note the name of the sponsor and be in English. Documentation submitted in a language other than English will not be accepted.
- **Typically, sponsors provide:**
 - A bank account/brokerage account showing enough money for all years at MTA **OR**,
 - A bank account/brokerage account **showing** enough money for the first year or **AND** proof of income (tax return plus pay stubs or salary letter).
- Bank statements may be no older than 6 months.
- Sponsors promising free room and board must show a lease or deed with sponsor's name **AND** proof of income (see below).
- Documentation may be scanned or faxed, however, Yeshiva University reserves the right to request original documentation if necessary to determine financial capability.

All financial documentation must be on official letterhead and be translated into English. Documentation submitted in a language other than English will not be accepted. Bank statements may be no older than 6 months. *Documentation may be scanned or faxed, however, Yeshiva University reserves the right to request original documentation if necessary to determine financial capability.*

The following documents are attached to prove my funding:

Funds from Yeshiva University-MTA:

- Scholarship awards

Cash Sponsor's Documents: (documentation must be attached)

- Sponsor's Promise of Cash Support (Part 5)
- Bank/investment statements for the last 3 months. Each owner of the account must sign a separate "Promise of Cash Support."

Free Room and Board Sponsor's Documents: (documentation must be attached)

- Sponsor's Promise of Free Room and Board (Part 5)
- Proof of residence (e.g., lease, deed, rent receipt, phone bill) **AND**
- Proof of income (income tax return with most recent pay stub or letter from your employer) **OR**
- Bank/investment statements for the last 3 months. Each owner of the account must sign a separate "Promise of Cash Support."

Certification and Signature (Please read and sign the following statement.)

I hereby certify that all the information on this application form is true and accurate and that the stated funds are available for my educational expenses at Yeshiva University. I understand that if I provide false information in this document, Yeshiva University will invalidate this I-20, and that I will also be in violation of Yeshiva University's *Code of Student Conduct*, which can result in suspension or expulsion from Yeshiva University-MTA.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

PART 5: PROMISE OF SUPPORT (if applicable)

SPONSOR'S PROMISE OF CASH SUPPORT

I hereby certify that I am willing, able, and do promise to provide the amount of US \$_____ for the educational expenses of

[Name of Student] _____,

who is my [Relationship to Sponsor] _____, at Yeshiva University – MTA High School for Boys.

Bank statements or other proof of my financial resources accompany this affidavit of support.

I have _____ additional dependents under the age of 18.
(number)

Sponsor Signature _____

Sponsor Name (Please print.) _____ Date _____

Sponsor Address:

SPONSOR'S PROMISE OF FREE ROOM AND BOARD

I hereby certify that I am willing, able, and do promise to provide [Name of Student] _____ ,

who is my [Relationship to Sponsor] _____, with free [specific room and/or board] _____

for the duration of their educational program at Yeshiva University – MTA High School for Boys. Proof of my financial resources and proof of residency accompany this affidavit of support.

I have _____ additional dependents under the age of 18.
(number)

Sponsor Signature _____

Sponsor Name (Please print.) _____ Date _____

Sponsor Address:

