

**Application for Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status (I-20)**  
**Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS)**

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

**DIRECTIONS:** Please complete the following application and scan to [ois@yu.edu](mailto:ois@yu.edu). **Note: Financial documentation submitted to another office will not be forwarded to or shared with the OISS. Students must submit the financial documentation requested in this I-20 application directly to the OISS.**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) Admission letter
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of financial support (in English). For instructions and details see Part IV: Statement of Financial Support.
  - Bank statement and signed promise of support
  - Loan from home country (if applicable)

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**PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION** (please type or print clearly)

**I am planning to attend RIETS beginning (check one):**  Fall (August)  Spring (January) Year \_\_\_\_\_

**YU ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City and 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local address in the US (if applicable) (where you live, not a P.O. Box):**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Are you inside the U.S.?**  Yes  No (If no, go to Part 3)

**TRANSFER STUDENTS: For immigration purposes term “Transfer”** means changing universities or schools inside the U.S. This can occur at the beginning, middle or end of a degree program or between degrees/end of OPT. As a student with F-1 status, your active immigration record can only be maintained by one institution in SEVIS. If you decide to transfer to another institution, your SEVIS record must be released to the “Transfer-in” school AND you need a new I-20.

You are eligible for a transfer if you hold valid F-1 status at the time of transfer and have maintained your status. In addition, you must request a transfer within 60 days after the program completion date or OPT end date, whichever is later. If you are currently on OPT, your OPT employment benefits end the date your current institution releases your SEVIS record to Yeshiva University.

**IMPORTANT:** As a Transfer student, if you leave the U.S. in between schools, you must use a Form I-20 issued by Yeshiva University when you return to the U.S. to begin your academic program at YU.

**STUDY IN ANOTHER IMMIGRATION STATUS:**

Some immigration statuses permit full-time study, others will require you to first be approved for F-1 student status. Please contact the OISS for information.

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**PART 3: 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.

<b>Complete Name:</b>	
<b>Street 1</b>	
<b>Street 2</b>	
<b>City, State, Province</b>	
<b>Postal Code, Country:</b>	
<b>Phone (for FedEx)</b>	
<b>Email (for FedEx)</b>	

**Hold for pick-up by someone in the U.S.:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY**

By law, students must show that they have the financial means to cover the entire cost of studying and living in the U.S. for the entire length of their program of study. All documentation must be in **ENGLISH**. Financial documentation submitted to another YU office will not be forwarded to or shared with the OISS. Students must submit the financial documentation requested in this I-20 application directly to the OISS.

**EXPENSES:**

The costs of tuition, fees, and living expenses, are dependent upon a student’s academic program and lifestyle. The following budget is an estimate, based on an average student enrolled full-time at RIETS – Yeshiva University. Actual expenses may be slightly higher or lower, depending on your standard of living. For the full tuition and fee schedule, please visit: <http://www.yu.edu/osf/> Tuition and fees are subject to change at any time. Students must show financial support for no less than the annual amount estimated for their program of study.

**All students enrolled in RIETS receive a scholarship that covers the cost of tuition (currently \$14,750 each semester). The scholarship does not cover the registration and activity fees. Please contact the RIETS with any questions by phone at 212-960-5344.**

**Working inside the U.S. is severely restricted by U.S. immigration regulations. F-1 students must be able to show documentation proving their financial support for the entire duration of their academic program. Do not plan on working inside the U.S. to help pay for your education.**

<b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 2020 - 2021</b>	
<b>Total amount of financial support you need to show to qualify for the RIETS I-20: \$25,703 per year*</b>	
<b>Tuition and Fees:</b>	<b>\$ 31,400</b>
Tuition (\$14,750) per semester:	\$29,500
Registration Fee (\$900 per semester):	\$1,800
Activity Fee (\$50 per semester):	\$100
<b>Living Expenses:</b>	<b>\$16,475</b>
Room/Housing:	\$8,635
Board/Meals:	\$3,500
Personal Expenses:	\$4,340
<b>Other Expenses:</b>	<b>\$7,328</b>
Health Insurance (\$2051.50 per semester)	\$4103
Books, Supplies, Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$1225
Transportation:	\$2000
<b>Total Cost for One Year*:</b>	<b>\$55,203</b>
RIETS Scholarship	(\$29,500)
<b>Amount needed to qualify for an I-20 to study at RIETS</b>	<b>\$25,703</b>
Total Dependent expenses \$6,500 for a spouse and \$3,500 per child (optional):	

\* The above expenses do not include the summer (June - August).

\*Students should expect a 5% increase in all expenses every year. If your spouse and/or children will accompany you in F-2 dependent status, add \$6,500 for your spouse and \$3,500 per child, per year. Provide a copy of their passport identity page.

**DEPENDENT INFORMATION**

- Are any dependents accompanying you to the United States?  Yes  No
- Do they need an I-20? *In most cases, your dependent will be able to accompany you as a tourist.*  Yes  No

Only your spouse and children under age 21 qualify to apply for F-2 dependent status. Please provide a copy of a valid passport identity page and additional proof of financial support in the amount of \$6500 for your spouse and \$3500 per child, per year.

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Relationship</i>

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

**How will you pay your tuition and living expenses each year?** Funding may come from multiple sources. Each source must provide documentation. Please tell us your sources of support and the promised amount:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Personal Funds (student only):</b>	
<b>RIETS Tuition Scholarship</b> Type of scholarship (academic, merit based)/Loan:	\$24,750
<b>Cash funds from a sponsor (e.g., parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.):</b> Sponsor’s name:	
<b>Cash funds from a sponsor (e.g., parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.):</b> Sponsor’s name:	
Free Room and Board from a Sponsor*: <i>with whom I will live in the U.S.:</i> Sponsor’s name:	
<b>Total (must be at least \$25,703 U.S.)</b>	

\*Students living in a YU dormitory cannot claim free room and board unless you are a Kollel recipient.

**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 two years **OR**,
  - A bank account/brokerage account **showing** enough money for the first year **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.

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**The following documents are attached to demonstrate financial capability:**

**My personal documents** (if you will support yourself):

- Bank/asset statement (from last three months)

**Yeshiva University:** (Submit documentation of financial aid. The I-20 application cannot be evaluated without this.):

- Scholarship
- YU Loan (will you accept offered loan?)

**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."
- If you are unable to show sufficient money for all four years, also provide a tax return and the 3 most recent paystubs or current salary letter.

**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."

**If you will be funded by a government agency, private foundation, or other agency please attach a copy of an official award letter.**

**Total Financial 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 Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) Student Handbook. 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.

Student 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year for the educational expenses of [Name of Student] \_\_\_\_\_, who is my [Relationship to Sponsor] \_\_\_\_\_, at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) - Yeshiva University. 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 (if you will live with someone inside the US)**

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 Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) - Yeshiva University. 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:  
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