



WINTHROP
UNIVERSITY

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Winthrop University's academic programs in the United States.

During the enrollment process you will be required to demonstrate available monetary resources that are sufficient to cover your first year of educational and living expenses in the United States. For the academic year 2011-2012 students and/or their sponsor(s) will need to provide proof of funds equal to **US \$36,210** for undergraduate students. This certified financial documentation is mandated by the United States government. Please note that although you are required to document resources sufficient to cover only your first academic year's (nine months) expenses, you also must provide support for all expenses associated with your study in future enrollment periods. Your original documentation must be on file with the University before we issue you the I-20 form. In addition, a second original must be available for embassy review when you apply for your student visa through a United States embassy or consulate.

Most families find the model bank letter (see reverse side) to be the most efficient method to document finances available for your education. Please note that some US embassies will not accept the model bank letter. Check with the local US embassy to determine the type of financial guarantee they require. As indicated, official bank letters must be produced on the letterhead of the issuing financial institution. If the account is in the name of an individual who is not the applicant (for example, your parents or a sponsoring agency) the letter must list you, the applicant, by name. It must state that the account holder (your parents or sponsor) will be responsible for your educational expenses at Winthrop University.

You should ask the financial institution to produce at least two certified original bank letters. Both should be identical and issued no more than six months before your date of entry at the University. For instance, your bank letters should be issued on or after 1 March if you wish to begin studies in the semester that begins in August of that same year. Early applicants will need to provide the University with one original bank letter after acceptance. Other applicants should include the bank letter with their initial application materials. The second original bank letter should be utilized during your student visa interview at the US Embassy. Please note that photocopies cannot be accepted by Winthrop University and may not be accepted by the embassy.

Please contact us if you have questions about the procedure described above.

Sincerely,

Frederik J.G. Schlingemann
International Recruiter

Model Bank Letter Format

(Please note this letter must be printed on original bank letterhead paper.)

Date

(Must be less than six months from the commencement of studies.)

(Sponsor's name or student's name if the account is held in the student's name) is a customer in good standing of **(Name of Bank)**. To the best of our knowledge and belief, he/she is capable of meeting all educational expenses for **(Name of Student)** while she/he is studying at Winthrop University.

This letter of reference is given with no responsibility on our part.

Name and Title of Bank Officer

Signature of Bank Officer

Please send the completed letter *(with original signature)* to:

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