

Sources of Funding

Any combination of funds is acceptable as long as you demonstrate you can cover the full cost. Room and Board expenses may be deducted if you will be living off campus for free with a relative/friend and the Affidavit of Free Room and Board is submitted with your application.

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| Personal Funds | Bank Statement/Letter (see guidelines below) |
| Family/Friends (Sponsor) | 1. Bank Statement/Letter (see Bank Statement/Letter guidelines below). Must be submitted by each sponsor AND 2. Affidavit of Support. Must be completed by each sponsor |
| Montclair State University Funds | Copy of Graduate Assistantship Letter or Scholarship Letter (see Graduate Assistantship below). If the assistantship or scholarship does not cover the total cost listed in Cost Estimate , you must show proof of funding that covers the remaining expenses. |
| Other Support Documentation (Employer, Government, etc.) | Support letter detailing the financial support (see Other Support Documentation Guidelines below). If this support does not cover the total cost listed in Cost Estimate , you must show proof of funding that covers the remaining expenses. |
| Education Loans | Approval letter required for all loans, regardless of lender. |

Bank Statement/Letter Guidelines

- Must be dated within the last three months
- Name of account holder must be listed
- Amount of money in the account must be listed
- Must be in English or a certified English translation must be included
- Type of account must be listed (checking, savings, etc.)

Unacceptable Documents

- Investments, real estate, insurance policies, or pension funds
- Income tax forms, pay stubs, W2 forms, income verification letter
- Letters saying 'enough' or 'sufficient' funds are available, or that 'the holder is capable of supporting the student'

Other Support Documentation Guidelines

- Must be dated within the last three months
- Name of student must be listed
- Period of time covered by the award must be listed
- Must indicate Montclair State University as the student's institution
- Must state the total amount of support for the given time period

Free room and board support

A person who is giving you free room and board may also be considered a sponsor. This sponsor must submit a 'Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room and Board'. Free room and board reduces Room and Board expenses from the total amount indicated above for each program. ***Affidavits for Free Room and Board will not be accepted if the place to live is too far from Montclair State University.***

Graduate/Doctoral Assistantship

Graduate Assistantships count towards financial support. If you receive an assistantship, your tuition and most of the fees are waived. Keep in mind that the assistantship is offered for one year and is renewable later for another year (assistantship for doctorate students is renewable for a maximum of three years).