

**Samples of Completed Visa Request Form  
Financial Charts**

**MASTER'S PROGRAMS**

The chart on the second page of the [Visa Request form](#) (VRF) asks you to indicate the amount of funding you will have available for each year of your graduate program. Below are examples of correctly completed charts that take into account both the source of funding and the duration of the graduate program, and represent the most common funding scenarios. If you do not see your source of funding below and you are not sure how to complete the funding chart, please contact us at [askccas@gwu.edu](mailto:askccas@gwu.edu)

**Please note:** like the VRF, this document uses \*estimated\* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different from the amounts entered on the charts below (or on the VRF), based on \*estimated\* living costs and the tuition required by most of the University's graduate programs for the 2022- 2023 academic year. Some programs have non-standard tuition, resulting in amounts different from those listed below. Detailed information on tuition rates is available on the [Student Accounts website](#).

Students pursuing a Master's degree must show at least two years of funding, completing the chart for both Year 1 and Year 2 of the program. If you indicate funding for only Year 1, your I-20 or DS-2019 request will not be approved.

**Self-Support**

The chart below is appropriate for Master's students who are relying solely on their own funds to support their studies. In this case the financial document will need to show sufficient funds for the total amount of the two years (\$115,940), in the student's name:

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$				
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
<b>TOTAL</b> Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Family/Individual Sponsor

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will receive full support from a family member or other individual sponsor. In this case, the financial document will need to show liquid funds sufficient to cover \*at least\* Year 1 (\$57,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$				
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
<b>TOTAL</b> Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 1

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of self-support and family/individual sponsor support. Please note: the combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from other funding sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds \*at least\* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$47,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS (must be provided for estimated length of program)				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 47,970.00	47,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
<b>TOTAL</b> Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 2

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student using a combination of self-support, family/individual sponsor support, and non-renewable\* GWU award. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. A similar approach should be used when combining funds from any other sources. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds \*at least\* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$37,970):

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 37,970.00	47,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 10,000.00				
OTHER (specify)	\$				
<b>TOTAL</b> Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Combining Sources of Funding - Sample 3

The chart below shows funding for a Master's student who will rely on a combination of self-support, family/individual sponsor support, and renewable\* GWU award. The combined funds must meet or exceed the minimum required amount for each year of the program. In this case, the financial document in the student's name must show \$20,000 in liquid funds; the document in the sponsor's name must show funds \*at least\* equivalent to the sponsor's share of Year 1 (\$39,970)

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS <i>(must be provided for estimated length of program)</i>				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
SELF - SUPPORT	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00			
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR	\$ 39,970.00	39,970.00			
GOVERNMENT/AGENCY SPONSOR	\$				
GW	\$ 8,000.00	8,000.00			
OTHER (specify)	\$				
<b>TOTAL</b> Totals must equal or exceed the University's estimate of expenses for each calendar year you plan to attend.	\$ 57,970.00	57,970.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Government/Agency sponsor

Use this line on the chart if you are funded by a governmental organization or by another (non-commercial) national or international organization.

## Other

This is rare. You might use this line if you are sponsored by a private sector company. Special additional documents are required in this case; please email [askccas@gwu.edu](mailto:askccas@gwu.edu) with any questions.

## Loans

If the loan is in the student's name, the amount of the loan is considered as "self-support" funds (line 1). If the loan is in a family member's name, it is considered as "family sponsor" funds.

**Loans should not be listed on the "Other" line.**

## General Notes

- The downloadable Visa Request Form (VRF) on the [CCAS website](#) includes a third page with detailed information about the total amounts to use for specific programs. Please be sure to use the VRF for the year in which you will be studying. The form is updated each February with new amounts for the following Fall/Spring semesters.
- REMINDER: As noted earlier, the amounts shown in the charts in this document and the one on the VRF are based on \*estimated\* cost of attendance. The actual cost for a given year may be different depending on your living costs, and the tuition rate for your program.
- If you are receiving funding from CCAS, your funding letter will specify the length of the award.