

Sponsorship Information Concerning International Students:

Please be aware of the qualifications to be a sponsor:

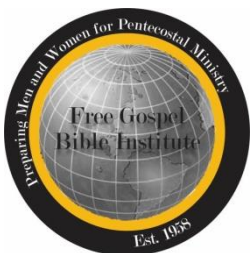
1. Fill out the Declaration of Support and take to a Notary to sign and be notarized. You may send a **COPY** of **all** supporting documents to: d_peretic@fgbi.org and hold onto the original to send to the prospective student when it is time for their Embassy Visa appointment.
2. A sponsor must have a minimum **annual** income of \$25,000.00 and submit a statement from their employer on letterhead to that effect. (Or a copy of the first page of your most recent tax return-you may white out your Social Security number).
3. A sponsor must have a minimum of \$8,000.00 USD in a bank account and submit a bank statement from the bank to that effect. (You may white out any bank account numbers if you would like). Must be signed or stamped by a bank official.

Once the fee of \$3,595.00 USD is received, (\$150.00 non-refundable application fee, \$3,045.00 for entrance fees for 3 consecutive semesters and \$400.00 for I-901 Homeland Security fee), there is a **\$1,600.00 PARTIAL REFUND** of the **ENTRANCE FEES ONLY**.

Any personal documents you submit are held in a confidential file and no information is given out publicly.

Please send to the student, one original, notarized Declaration of Support, bank statement and Employment document for the prospective student's Embassy appointment. Failure to provide the student with this required form could result in denial of a Visa.

Please be aware that once the funds are received into our office they are considered the property of the prospective student. Only the prospective student may request a refund by post, sent to our office, stating the full name and address to which the refund should be sent. We understand that if you, as the sponsor, have supplied the funds, then the prospective student should name you as the receiver of the refund unless you desire the refund be given to him or her. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SEND REFUNDS OUTSIDE OF THE US. IF THE US CONTACT CAN RECEIVE THE REFUND AND THEN SEND IT TO THE STUDENT OR SPONSOR, THEN THAT WORKS BEST.



If you have any questions, you may contact the International Student Advisor, Mrs. Donna Peretic at (724) 327-5454 during office hours from 9 am to 4 pm Eastern Standard Time Monday through Thursday. She is not in the office on Friday.

Email works best: d_peretic@fgbi.org