





**SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF ENGLISH IS NOT YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE.

Eligibility requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors require verification of “sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.” **Please indicate below how you will meet this requirement by checking one (1) of the options and including verifying documentation:**

- 1. Certification by a language test recognized by Springfield’s [international admissions](#).
  - Attach a copy of your test score
    - Test must have been taken within the past 5 years.
    - IELTS overall band score of 6 or higher.
    - TOEFL-IBT score of 70 or higher.
- 2. Certification by an academic institution or English language school.
  - Attach a copy of the letter/certificate
    - Must verify the exchange visitor possesses English language proficiency high enough to function daily at Springfield College and within the local U.S. community.
    - Issued on letterhead in English within the past 2 years.
    - Include signature of school official or school seal/stamp.
- 3. Certification by sponsoring department chair or director of the International Center after a 15-30 minute interview.
  - Please have certifying individual at Springfield complete the section below:
    - Name of department chair or director: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Certification: I declare under penalty of perjury that I have interviewed the prospective exchange visitor, and I have verified that the scholar’s English language proficiency is sufficient to function daily at Springfield College and within the local U.S. community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM**

- Copy/scan of passport identification page(s) (for yourself and any J-2 dependents)
- Copy/scan of proof of financial support, bank statement, or other financial verification documents
- Copy/scan of certification of English language proficiency (if checking option #1 or #2 above)

If you are currently in the U.S. as a J-1 Scholar or have been within the last 2 years, also include the following:

- Copy/scan of current/previous DS-2019

**VERIFICATION**

I certify that the above information is correct and complete, and that I shall notify Springfield College of any change in my personal information, financial support or research/teaching plans.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Mentor/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept Verification Date: \_\_\_\_\_ IC Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for College housing?  Yes  No  N/A U.S. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Health Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date verified: \_\_\_\_\_ IC Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

