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## Budget Sheet for Severe Economic Hardship Work Authorization Request

To be qualified for severe economic hardship work authorization you must show proof that your financial difficulties were caused by unforeseen circumstances beyond your control. These circumstances may include loss of financial support without fault on the part of the student, substantial fluctuations in the value of currency or exchange rate, inordinate increases in living costs, unexpected changes in the financial condition of your source of support, medical bills, crisis in the home country, or other unexpected major expenses.

**If you believe you are eligible, please gather the required documents and email to [international@hofstra.edu](mailto:international@hofstra.edu) for review. Requests will not be considered without this budget form, supporting evidence, and your explanation letter. Only after we determine your eligibility, will we give you instructions on how to pursue the application with USCIS.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hofstra ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname/Family Name Given Name

### LETTER(S) OF EXPLANATION

- Write a letter to explain the unforeseen change(s) in your financial circumstances that arose after studying at Hofstra for at least 2 semesters. Be specific about why your family or other sponsors are unable to provide previously promised support.
- Please obtain a letter written (or professionally translated) in English by any sponsor(s) withdrawing support to explain the situation. If you are unable to, please explain why in your letter. Unfortunately, if your sponsor does not provide a statement, this may affect the outcome of your request.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Complete the chart below as accurately as possible. You must provide supporting evidence of your situation for each expense and funding source listed. Examples of supporting documents include but are not limited to the following:

- Hofstra e-bill showing tuition/fee payments
- Proof of sponsor's loss of employment/bankruptcy/business struggles or death certificate showing loss of sponsor
- Current bank statements showing lack of funds (sponsor's and/or your own)
- News articles showing economic crisis/conflict or currency devaluation in the home country
- Pay stubs if you have on campus employment
- Proof of commuting/travel costs (bus/train/plane ticket receipts)
- Rent receipts/payment if you live off campus
- Medical bills

My estimated expenses* when I began at Hofstra were:		My current expenses are:	
Tuition & Fees	\$	Tuition & Fees	\$
Living Expenses (housing/rent & food)	\$	Living Expenses (housing/rent & food)	\$
Other: ( )	\$	Other: ( )	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$
My source of funding* when I applied for F-1 status was:		My current source of funding is:	
Personal funds	\$	Personal funds	\$
Family/Sponsor funds	\$	Family/Sponsor funds	\$
Funds from Hofstra (scholarship)	\$	Funds from Hofstra (scholarship)	\$
Other: ( )	\$	Other: ( )	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$

*\*Please refer to the Financials section of your I-20 for this information.*