

April 10, 2026

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Dear Pearl:

Congratulations! On behalf of Hollins University, it is my honor to inform you of your admission to the class of 2030. Hollins will provide you with a supportive and engaging community that will allow your academic potential to shine.

Because of your academic record and potential for future achievement, you have been selected for a Hollins International Friendship Grant award of \$40,520 per year. You will receive this award yearly for up to eight semesters, provided you remain a full-time undergraduate student in good academic standing.

As an international student, the next step in your admissions process is to submit materials needed to issue your Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status. Your Form I-20, also known as the Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status, is the document that allows you to study in the US and at Hollins. Information on what materials to submit can be found below.

To secure your spot in the incoming class, you will need to submit a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$800 by May 1, 2026. Information regarding how to pay your enrollment deposit and will be provided after you receive your Form I-20. I know this is such an exciting time for you, Pearl; joining us at Hollins University will be a great next step toward achieving your goals.

Sincerely yours,

Ashley Browning, M.A.L.S. '13, Ed.D. | Vice President for Enrollment Management

P.S. An important note: Please do not make any travel arrangements (purchase tickets for flights, trains, etc.) until you have received your student visa and a Hollins representative has advised you of your arrival date.

#### Understanding the I-20 Process

To receive your F-1 student visa, Hollins University must issue you a Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status. The I-20 is a required document that testifies to your eligibility as an F-1 student. To meet eligibility as an F-1 student, you must show proper travel credentials (a valid passport) as well as enough available funding to meet or exceed all remaining direct costs in addition to estimated indirect costs.

Once all of your required materials have been submitted and verified by admission, the Director of International Student Engagement will begin work on your Form I-20.

Required Material 1: Copy of unexpired passport information page

Your passport must be valid through at least August 2028. If your passport will expire before or around that date, we recommend that you move quickly to renew it.

Required Materials 2: Certificate of Finance Form

Each sponsor must submit an online form agreeing to finance your education via your myHollins portal <<http://admissions.hollins.edu/status>>. The form must state the amount they are willing to pay towards your education at Hollins University, and it must reference the bank statement they have provided. The total pledged from all sponsors added together must be equal to or exceed \$27,850, per the Cost of Attendance Chart below.

### Required Material 3: Bank Statement(s)

You must submit a bank statement or bank certificate for each sponsor from within the past 6 months as proof of funding for your I-20. These documents should be uploaded to your myHollins portal. <<http://admissions.hollins.edu/status>> The funds available must meet or exceed the corresponding amount listed on the Certificate of Finances form, and the names of the account holder should also match. Statements or certificates must clearly state the currency; a conversion to USD is preferred.

Hollins prefers to receive Bank Certificates, like the example shown here. A Bank Certificate is a document which states the total available funds in an account, with a currency exchange into USD. Each bank has a different process for issuing Certificates. Please contact your bank for clarification on this process.

Hollins University  
Cost of Attendance: Academic Year 2026-2027

### Initial Direct Costs

\$62,520

Direct costs are those paid directly to Hollins University and include tuition (\$44,550/year) as well as living expenses (\$16,540/year) and required student fees (\$1,360/year)

- Your International Friendship Grant

-\$40,520

### TOTAL COST PAID TO HOLLINS (full-year)

\$22,000

+ Indirect Costs

\$5,850

Indirect costs are those not paid to the university. This includes the estimated cost of items such as books,

personal expenses, travel costs, and health insurance

To receive your Form I-20, must show the availability of:

\$27,850