

**Sample Responses for item #11 on the Affidavit of Support, Form I-134****If the sponsor is pledging money:**

I, *Sponsor's name*, pledge to provide my *enter relation (i.e. Son, Sister)*, *enter relation's full name (i.e. Tatiana Romanova)*, with *the amount being provided (i.e. \$18,000)*, for the purpose of meeting his/her educational expenses for his/her first year at Hudson Valley Community College.

If the sponsor is pledging room and board:

I, *Sponsor's name*, pledge to provide my *enter relation (i.e. Son, Sister)*, *enter relation's full name (i.e. Juan Ortiz)*, with room and board, at no cost to him/her, for his/her first year at Hudson Valley Community College.

If the sponsor is pledging money plus and room and board:

I, *Sponsor's name*, pledge to provide my *enter relation (i.e. Son, Sister)*, *enter relation's full name (i.e. Rosa Klebb)*, with the following:
1) \$18,000.00, for the purpose of meeting his/her educational expenses for his/her first year at Hudson Valley Community College; 2) room and board, at no cost to him/her, for his/her first year at Hudson Valley Community College.

Points to Consider

1. The Form I-134 should be completed by each person who is pledging money and/or room and board, and the bank statement that accompanies it should be in that person's name and no more than six (6) months old.
 - a. For example, if Tatiana Romanova is sponsoring her son, the Form I-134 should be completed by Tatiana Romanova and the bank statement supporting the Form I-134 should be for an account in Tatiana Romanova's name.
2. If desired, the dollar amount listed can be more than \$18,000.00, but can not exceed the combined amount of the bank statement(s) for the accounts listing the sponsor as the account holder.
3. "Relation" includes but is not limited to such terms as: son; daughter; brother; sister; father; mother; wife; husband; grandson; granddaughter; niece; nephew; cousin; uncle; aunt; godson; goddaughter; ward; friend; brother-in-law; sister-in-law; son-in-law and daughter-in-law.
4. The exact dollar amount must be listed. If your sponsor is committing \$18,000.00, then \$18,000.00 should be listed.
 - a. **Phrases/terms such as the following should not be used** when indicating the dollar amount that is being pledged/committed toward the student's educational expenses; "as much as," "in excess of," "an amount beyond," "a minimum of," "a maximum of," "an amount to exceed," "an amount not to exceed," "at least" "no less than," "no more than," and "more than."
5. Remember that the Form I-134 must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public¹ and notarized.
6. The Form I-134 must be filled out legibly! Please print or type. If an Affidavit of Support is difficult to read, this will delay the issuing of the Form I-20.
7. Please keep in mind that the verbiage provided in these examples is meant to be used as a guide, and in no way implies that the exact verbiage presented must be used.

¹ A Notary Public is "Someone legally empowered to witness signatures and certify a document's validity and to take depositions" (<http://dictionary.reference.com/search?q=notary%20public>).