

Letter must be on official BANK LETTERHEAD that includes mailing address and phone number of the branch. If the bank letterhead does not include this information, attach the business card of the official signing the letter or of another representative at the bank.

Account statements are not accepted.

No documents (of any kind) from foreign banks are accepted.

Do not get bank letter before about October 15.

Submit an original (without all the notes below), and one photocopy.

This letter does not need to be notarized, but does need to be signed by a bank official.

Date: XXXXXXXXXXXX, 2009

SAMPLE ONLY

To whom it may concern at the Consolato Generale d'Italia:

This is to verify that _____

(note: use parents' name/account, not student's, UNLESS parents do not have a US bank account; in this case, the student's US bank account should be used. Letters from foreign banks will not be accepted.)

is a patron of our bank with a savings account/checking account

(indicate which type of account it is; account number does not need to be submitted)

which is in good standing. The current balance for this account is \$_____ and the account was opened on _____(date).

(This must be a real US dollar amount or the application will be rejected; however, the letter may indicate exact amount or state, "In excess of more than XXXXX US dollars.")

The above mentioned balance(s) represents the accumulation of successive deposits. (do not omit this sentence)

NOTE: If the current balance noted above is less than \$5,500 for students staying in Italy one term, or less than \$11,000 for students staying in Italy two terms, the student's most recent financial aid award letter (original not a copy) must also be attached. Additionally, you must show proof of half of the parent/family contribution amount indicated in the award letter (assuming student is staying in Rome just one semester). Two term participants must show proof of the entire family contribution.

Signature of Bank Official required _____