



Institutional Commitment Letter

Welcome Corps on Campus

The Welcome Corps on Campus is a program of the U.S. Department of State and is administered by a consortium led by the Community Sponsorship Hub (CSH), a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Inc., with funding provided by the U.S. government. Welcome Corps launched in January 2023 as a private sponsorship program for refugees admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

Campuses interested in sponsoring refugee students must form a private sponsor group made up of at least five American citizens or lawful permanent residents who are over the age of 18 and who are connected to the campus. Sponsor groups must demonstrate that their campus has the capacity to welcome, enroll, and support refugee students during the official sponsorship period of 12 months by filling out an [online application](#). Sponsor groups are the official sponsor of the refugee student(s) and are responsible for directly providing and/or ensuring the [core sponsorship services](#), including financial, academic, and integration support for 12 months. While the official sponsorship period ends after 12 months, sponsor groups are required to provide supplemental information as part of the application, outlining how sponsored refugee students will be able to cover their academic and living expenses post-sponsorship.

While the private sponsor group assumes accountability for the provision of the core sponsorship services by signing the [Private Sponsor Group Commitment Form](#), institutional leadership plays a critical role in the successful implementation of the program at U.S. campuses. From ensuring the required buy-in from the admissions office and other departments, to securing scholarships or tuition waivers, and leading or supporting fundraising initiatives, a strong collaboration between the sponsor group and institutional leadership is key to the overall success of the program.

To ensure institutional leadership supports the implementation of the Welcome Corps on Campus at their institution, the program requires every private sponsor group to secure this institutional commitment letter.

On behalf of _____, I confirm that our institution supports the formation of a private sponsor group to welcome one or more refugee students on our campus through the Welcome Corps on Campus program.

Our institution commits to admitting and enrolling _____ refugee students total for the 2025/2026 academic year:

_____ of these refugee students we, the institution, will directly recruit and refer to Welcome Corps on Campus.

_____ of these refugee students will be identified by the Welcome Corps on Campus and matched with our institution based on best academic and overall fit. Final admissions decisions will lie with the institution.

Financial Institutional Support during 12-Month Sponsorship

The success of the Welcome Corps on Campus will rely on your institution's financial, logistical, and administrative buy-in. Please note, if an institution is not able to provide any financial support, it will be the responsibility of the private sponsor group to secure the required funding to cover tuition and living expenses for a minimum of the 12-month sponsorship period.

Use the below worksheet to calculate the cost of the refugee students' attendance at your institution. Confirm any financial support your institution will provide, and if your campus sponsor group will have to secure additional funding to cover any remaining cost.

Academic and Living Expenses for 12 months per refugee student

	Estimated total per student (\$ dollars)	Institution Support Enter the value of any tuition waivers, scholarships, in-kind support, etc.	Remaining funds the private sponsor group must secure
Tuition			
Fees			
Housing			
Health insurance, including dental			
Food / meal plan			
Supplies/ books/ laptop			
Pocket money (recommended \$2400 per year)			
Total			
Total number of refugee students			
TOTAL ACADEMIC AND LIVING COSTS Calculate (total cost) x (number of refugee students)			



Your institution commits to providing this amount of support to the refugee student(s)



Your campus sponsor group must secure this amount to meet the WCC funding requirement

Post-sponsorship support

While the Welcome Corps on Campus does not require any financial or logistical support post sponsorship, please confirm any ongoing support your institution commits to after the 12-month sponsorship period (check all that apply):

Tuition & fees

Housing

Meals

Health insurance, including dental

Supplies and books

Other: [describe] _____

Sponsorship Breakdown

- If circumstances change and prevent your campus' sponsor group from fulfilling their commitments, the Welcome Corps on Campus staff will work with group members to determine the best course of action for ongoing provision of core services. Depending on the reason, the sponsor group/campus may be disqualified from participating in the Welcome Corps on Campus in the future.
- In the event that your institution becomes aware of a dispute between the student and the private sponsorship group or if the student violates campus policies, please coordinate with your sponsor group and notify CSH at campus@welcomecorps.org and ECAR at welcomecorps@everycampusarefuge.org. CSH and ECAR, will assist the parties in resolving any disputes that may arise during the sponsorship period.

I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Institution.

Institution

Signature

Name

Title

Date