

Bridging Fund Program (Burma):

Helping You Take the Next Step toward Study in the U.S.

The Bridging Fund Program is designed to support the application process to U.S. higher education institutions for candidates:

- who are highly qualified but unable to cover the expense of applying
- who are not eligible for or funded by other U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs, and
- who are short listed but not selected for a Fulbright or other U.S. Government sponsored grant.

The program is available now to help cover the upfront costs of seeking higher education in the U.S., and is part of Education USA's broad range of assistance to international students.

It is important to note that students themselves must apply to accredited institutions independently at the graduate or undergraduate level and are responsible for the entire process.

The program offers no guarantee of acceptance or financial aid awards at U.S. institutions.

Funding for selected grantees is at the discretion of the local U.S. Embassy and may be discontinued at any time if the student does not meet his/her responsibilities (e.g. meeting test and application deadlines).

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Successful applicants will be informed directly by the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section.

Expenses that may be covered:

- Testing fees, including additional score reports, for TOFEL, SAT, GRE and other specialized tests required by U.S. institutions.
- Round-trip transportation and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals at testing sites located far from the student's home.
- Application fees for the U.S. institutions to which the student is applying.
- International courier fees to ensure the student's application package reaches U.S. institutions.
- Cost of translations and certifications of the student's official documents and records.
- Cost of international telephone or Internet communications with receiving institution for the purpose of admission interviews or to finalize details.
- Costs relating to applying for appropriate U.S. visa.
- Round trip transportation to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals.
- Transportation to the U.S. institution where student will begin studies.
- Advanced English lessons for specialized uses to enhance student's competitiveness in his/her academic field (i.e. technical English, specific English, business English, etc.)
- Travel allowance expenses.
- Limited financial aid to supplement assistance offered by an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning when the offer falls short of meeting the student's needs.

Contact:

American Center
American Embassy, Yangon
14 Tawwin Street, Dagon Tsp, Yangon
Tel: 95-1-223106, 95-1-223140 ext. 323

2010-2011 Self-Nomination Form for Bridging Fund Program

(Send the application to bfpburma@gmail.com)

Photo

Please fill out this form in English as completely as possible, using as much space as needed, and email or send it to your local Education USA adviser.

Personal Information

1. Name _____
2. Address _____

3. Date of birth (month, date, year) _____
4. Place of birth _____
5. Home telephone number _____
6. Cell phone number _____
7. E-mail address _____

Parent Information

8. Father's name _____
9. Father's occupation _____
10. Father's address _____
11. Mother's name _____
12. Mother's occupation _____
13. Mother's address _____
14. Parents' income per year _____
15. Number of siblings _____
16. Expenses for siblings' education per year _____
17. Household expenses per year _____

Emergency Contact Information

18. Name _____
19. Relationship _____
20. Home telephone number _____
21. Cell phone number _____
22. E-mail _____
23. Address _____

29. Give evidence of your leadership qualities.

30. Working Experience (Please list starting from the most recent internship, or volunteer project, or position of employment you have had.)

Where	In which capacity	How long (from – to)

31. What discipline (specialization) are you planning to study?

32. What type of assistance do you believe you need? Choose from the list below only those that are needed to you at this stage and show the cost in USD or local currency.

- Application fees (\$ _____)
- Courier fees to mail paper applications to Universities (\$ _____)
- Translation/certification fees (\$ _____)
- Test fees (\$ _____), Test you are taking _____
- Travel to test site (\$ _____)
- SEVIS fees (\$ _____)
- Visa fee (\$ _____)
- Visa travel (\$ _____)
- Passport (\$ _____)
- Other: _____ (\$ _____)

33. What stage of the application process are you currently in?

Please choose from the list below.

- Planning to take standardized tests
- Accepted and in need of assistance to cover SEVIS and visa (please attach your I-20)
- If you received a scholarship, please provide a confirmation letter
- Travel assistance

34. Which institutions are you applying to? List not more than five.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

35. Level of study:

Undergraduate

Graduate

PhD

36. How did you learn about this program? Please choose from the list below.

Brochures

Media

Flyers

Education USA advising center at American Center/ or the American Corners at MIT

Others (Please mention) _____

37. Certification

“I hereby certify that all of the above information I have provided is correct without embellishment.”

Signature _____ Date _____

Name:
Designation:
Telephone:
E-mail:
Address: _____
Recommendation: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

39. Education USA Adviser's Comments (fill in by an advisor at the Education USA center):

