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Program Guide for EducationUSA Advisers and Students

Program Objective: Increase opportunities for young women to pursue undergraduate degrees in the STEM fields at U.S. women's colleges; provide women in the program a STEM Mentor and access to the STEM community through membership in the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), and access to leadership, internship and research opportunities to build the skills and confidence needed to become the *next* leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators in their communities.

What are the requirements for applying to be a NeXXt Scholar?

- Student must be a citizen of a focus country, currently residing in and attending a focus-country high school. [Initial Focus: Countries with a predominantly Muslim population (see Table 1)]
- Students from any religious group or economic status are eligible.
- Student must apply directly to any of the 50 U.S. women's colleges (EducationUSA assistance available if desired), be accepted by the college, and major in a STEM field.
- Student should contact a regional EducationUSA Adviser to request a nomination letter for the NeXXt Scholars program. To find an email address for your regional EducationUSA Adviser:
<http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

Table I: Focus Regions

Afghanistan	Maldives
Albania	Mali
Algeria	Mauritania
Azerbaijan	Morocco
Bahrain	Niger
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Brunei	Oman
Burkina Faso	Pakistan
Chad	Qatar
Comoros	Saudi Arabia
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Somalia
Guinea	Sudan
Indonesia	Syria
Iran	Tajikistan
Iraq	Tunisia
Jordan	Turkey
Kosovo	Turkmenistan
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Yemen
Libya	West Bank & Gaza Strip
Malaysia	

What are the benefits of this initiative?

- Five-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (four years during undergraduate studies + one year post-graduation)
- Individual STEM Mentor and networking opportunities provided by the NYAS
- Access to internship & research opportunities
- Incredible science, technology, engineering and math education environment with high-tech equipment and hands-on learning
- A STEM-Sister NeXXt Scholar (An entering American STEM peer is nominated by your college to also receive the NYAS benefits; to discover and navigate your STEM educations together.)
- Act as an ambassador for your country!

What are the benefits of attending a U. S. Women's College?

- Opportunity to study in a welcoming academic environment that uniquely focuses on providing resources and support for women. (It's all about YOU!)
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities that offer undergraduates hands-on investigative research opportunities with faculty members in the STEM fields
- Lasting network of global women alumnae
- Nurturing atmosphere that inspires leadership and confidence
- Many have on-campus summer research/internship opportunities offered to undergraduates!

Does the Initiative offer financial aid?

Each of the women's colleges offers some financial aid (see individual college information sheets) to **qualified students** with financial need. Candidates must apply to the women's college and provide the requested documents to secure financial aid. The college will then inform the applicants of what financial aid package they can provide at the time of the acceptance decision.

What are the student's responsibilities to the program?

- Meet all college expectations and requirements for the degree program
- Fully participate in all program/initiative events
- Engage with STEM mentors on a monthly basis
- Upon return trips home, engage in outreach recruiting efforts
- Assist in recruiting new NeXXt Scholars: possibly by producing video clips and/or participating in webinars via EducationUSA; email/Skype conversations with prospective students, etc.
- Fill out a program survey each year

How can I learn more about the U.S. Higher Education Application process?

Contact your EducationUSA Adviser today (the earlier, the better)!

<http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

Where can I get more information about U.S. Women's Colleges?

Detailed information on U.S. Women's colleges is available at: <http://www.womenscolleges.org/>

Where can I get a map of the locations of Women's Colleges in the United States?

Go to: <http://bit.ly/tYGfbF>

Where can I get more information about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative?

For information about specific colleges, see Table 2 for 'point of contact' information. For questions about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative, email nexxtscholars@state.gov

**See the following pages for profiles of some of the women's colleges
eager for your application!**

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Table 2. NeXXt Scholars Initiative: Application Information for Women's Colleges/Universities

Name of Institution	Minimum Score on TOEFL or IELTS	SAT or ACT required? (Y/N)	Application Deadline			Financial Aid App Deadline	College contact for more information:	
			Early Decision	Early Action	Regular Decision		Name	Email
Agnes Scott College	IBT 90; CBT 233; PBT 577; IELTS 7	N		15-Nov	1-Mar	15-Jan	Alexa Gaeta	agaeta@agnesscott.edu
Barnard College	PBT 600; IBT 120; IELTS 7	ACT or SAT and 2 Subject tests	15-Nov		1-Jan	Priority 1-Feb	Vera Bagnyuk	vbagnyuk@barnard.edu
Bay Path College	IBT 71; IELTS 5.5	No, unless TOEFL is not submitted			1-May		Sarah Wisnouskas	international@baypath.edu
Bennett College for Women	TOEFL recommended	N			Rolling- earlier recommended	Rolling	Taunya Monroe	admiss@bennett.edu
Brenau University	PBT 500; IBT 61; CBT 173; IELTS 5	SAT 900 (Reading 450); ACT 18			Rolling	1-Apr	Tiffany Adams	tadams2@brenau.edu
Bryn Mawr College	Required for most	Flexible	15-Nov; 1-Jan		15-Jan	5-Feb	Laurie Koehler	lkoehler@brynmawr.edu
Carlow University	IBT 90/IELTS 6.5/SAT 1000/ACT (only one required)				Rolling	Priority 1-May	Garrett Margliotti	gdmargliotti@carlow.edu
Cedar Crest College	IBT 79	N			25-Mar	25-Mar	Jenny Weatherford	kjweathe@cedarcrest.edu

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Chatham University	IBT 79; IELTS 6	SAT 900 (CR+M only)		1-Nov	1-Mar	1-May	Sheryl Stearns	sstearns@chatham.edu
College of Saint Benedict	Required	Recommended			15-Jan thru 1-Mar	1-Mar	Kathryn Enke, Roger Young	kenke@csbj.edu ; ryoung@csbj.edu
College of Saint Elizabeth	Required	Required			Rolling	Priority 1-Mar	Donna Tatarka	apply@cse.edu
College of Saint Mary	PBT 550; CBT 213; IBT 80	ACT 18; SAT 860 (minimum for CR+M)			Rolling	1-Mar	Dr. Christine Pharr	cpharr@csm.edu
Columbia College	PBT 550	SAT/ACT required for scholarship			1-Jun	1-Aug	Ms. Deanie Kane	dkane@columbiasc.edu
Converse College	Required	Y		15-Nov	1-Mar	1-Mar	April Lewis	april.lewis@converse.edu
Cottey College	PBT 550; IELTS 5.5	Y			Rolling	31-Dec	Rick Eber	reber@cottey.edu
Douglass Residential College - Rutgers Univ.	PBT 550; IBT 5.5	Y		1-Nov	1-Dec	1-Jan	Elaine Zundl	ezundl@echo.rutgers.edu

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Hollins University	Required	Y	1-Nov	1-Dec	1-Feb	15-Feb	Stefanie Niles	NilesSD@hollins.edu
Mary Baldwin College	PBT 500	N			rolling	1-Apr	Heather Ward	hward@mbc.edu
Mills College	Required	Y		15-Nov	1-Feb	1-Nov	Giulietta Aquino	gaquino@mills.edu
Mount Holyoke College	IBT 100	N	15-Nov		15-Jan	with app	Elizabeth DuMont-McCaffrey	dumon20e@mtholyoke.edu
Notre Dame of Maryland University	PBT 500; CBT 173	N		Dec. 1	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Heidi Roller	Hroller@ndm.edu
Saint Joseph College	TOEFL/IELTS OR SAT/ACT (one required)				Priority - Apr. 1	Priority - Feb. 1	Ms. Jennifer Healey	jhealey@sjc.edu
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	PBT 500	N			1-May		Beth Terrell	bterrell@smwc.edu
Saint Mary's College	Required	N	15-Nov		15-Feb	1-Mar	Kristin McAndrew	mcandrew@saintmarys.edu

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Salem College	TOEFL/IELTS OR SAT/ACT (one required)				1-Mar	1-Mar	Livni Mendez	livni.memdez@salem.edu
Scripps College	PBT 600; IBT 100; IELTS 7	N	15-Nov; 2-Jan		2-Jan	1-Feb	Maricela Limas	maricela.limas@scrippscollege.edu
Smith College	Required	Y	ED I: 1-Nov; ED II: 1-Jan		15-Jan	15-Nov, 2-Jan, 1-Feb (dep. on app)	Karen Kristof	kkristof@smith.edu
Spelman College	PBT 500; CBT 250	Yes, if English is first language	1-Nov	15-Nov	1-Feb	1-Mar	Arlene Cash	acash@spelman.edu
St. Catherine University	PBT 500; IBT 61; CBT 173; IELTS 5	N			15-Mar	15-Mar	Aimee Thostenson	international@stkate.edu
Stephens College	IBT 79; PBT 550; CBT 213	N	15-Nov	1-Jan	Rolling decisions after 1-Jan	1-Mar	Dianne Lynch	president@stephens.edu
Sweet Briar College	IBT 79; CBT 213; PBT 550; IELTS 6.5	N			1-Feb	1-Apr	Ken Huus	khuus@sbc.edu
The Women's College at the University of Denver	PBT 550; IBT 80; IELTS 6.5	N			10-Aug	10-Aug	Jenny Williamson	jenny.williamson@du.edu

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Ursuline College	IBT 68; CBT 520	N		15-Nov	1-Jun	15-Mar	Ms. Jensen Hanna	jhanna@ursuline.edu
Wellesley College	IBT 100; IELTS 7 preferred	SAT I plus 2 subject tests or ACT w/ writing	1-Nov	1-Jan	15-Jan	15-Jan or 1-Nov for ED	Milena Mareva	mmareva@wellesley.edu
Wesleyan University	Required	Y	15-Nov		scholarships Jan 15; Rolling	15-Feb	Steve Farr	sfarr@wesleyancollege.edu
Wilson College	PBT 500; CBT 173; IBT 61; IELTS 5	Y (for non-native English speakers)			1-May	30-Apr	MaryAnn Naso	maryann.naso@wilson.edu or admissions@wilson.edu

*Note: For additional U.S. Women's Colleges, see www.womenscolleges.org/

Please see Table 3 on the next page for links to college/university websites.

Table 3: U.S. Women's College/University Websites

College/University	Website
Agnes Scott College	www.agnesscott.edu
Barnard College	www.barnard.edu
Bay Path College	www.baypath.edu
Bennett College for Women	www.bennett.edu
Brenau University	www2009.brenau.edu/home.cfm
Bryn Mawr College	www.brynmawr.edu/
Carlow University	www.carlow.edu
Cedar Crest College	www.cedarcrest.edu
Chatham University	www.chatham.edu/
College of Saint Benedict	www.csbsju.edu/
College of Saint Elizabeth	www.cse.edu
College of Saint Mary	www.csm.edu
Columbia College	www.columbiasc.edu
Converse College	www.converse.edu/
Cottey College	www.cottey.edu/
Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University	www.douglass.rutgers.edu/index.shtml
Hollins University	www.hollins.edu/
Mary Baldwin College	www.mbc.edu
Mills College	www.mills.edu
Mount Holyoke College	www.mtholyoke.edu/index.html
Notre Dame of Maryland University	www.ndm.edu
Saint Joseph College	www.sjc.edu
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	www.smwc.edu
Saint Mary's College	www3.saintmarys.edu/
Salem College	www.salem.edu
Scripps College	www.scrippscollege.edu/
Smith College	www.smith.edu/
Spelman College	www.spelman.edu
St. Catherine University	www.stkate.edu/
Stephens College	www.stephens.edu
Sweet Briar College	www.sbc.edu
The Women's College of the University of Denver	www.womenscollege.du.edu
Ursuline College	www.ursuline.edu
Wellesley College	web.wellesley.edu/web
Wesleyan College	www.wesleyancollege.edu
Wilson College	www.wilson.edu

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