

**Web Chat Moderator:**The chat will begin in a few minutes.

**prashant gurung:**next thing is can we show extracirculam certifates related to music , cooking etc..

**USEF4:**At the undergraduate (Bachelor's) level, U.S. colleges and universities are generally looking for "well-rounded" students: students who have excelled not only academically, but who have also contributed to their schools and communities via extra-curricular activities. Extra-curricular activities certificates can be helpful for undergraduate students and you can mention these activities in the college application forms. At the graduate level (Master's and PhD), participation in extra-curricular activities are viewed as less significant than at the undergraduate level. However, do share activities if they are relevant to your application and your field of interest.

**prashant gurung:**hello sir i gave my TOEFL on oct23 and i have recieved my scores online but the hardcopy of it is going to take time so can i just print my scores online and show to the embassy because i want to apply for this january .

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**bashu dev dahal:**how to get the full scholarship for masters degree study?

**USEF4:**Full scholarship is very rare at U.S. colleges and universities, and it is usually awarded on the basis of merit at the graduate level. Merit is generally determined on the basis of your academics, mastery of chosen field, standardized test scores (TOEFL and GRE or GMAT), recommendation letters and personal essays. Scholarship is mostly granted in the form of assistantship at the graduate level. USEF-Nepal recommends you contact the appropriate department at the university and enquire about assistantship opportunities. To learn more about scholarships, we encourage you to attend a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. Advance registration is required to attend this session.

**Susham karki:**Can you please provide me information on scholarship for graduate student like.I have completed my bachelor degree (B.sc) in Microbiology.

**USEF4:**If you have completed a 3-year B.Sc. degree then you can apply as a transfer student at the undergraduate level. Alternately, you could complete your Master's in a related field and apply to the U.S. for graduate level studies. If you are applying for scholarship, USEF-Nepal recommends that you complete your Master's first because scholarship is very rare for transfer students. If you possess a 4-year B.Sc. degree then you could apply for scholarship at the graduate level. In addition to registering for USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising, in which you will learn about applying to U.S. universities, also register for a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. to learn more about scholarship at the graduate level.

**apek:**I have completed BCA from Pokhara University in Nepal. It is a 3 years course and I have maintained the CGPA of 3.49. Can I apply for Masters degree directly. What may be the procedures for scholarships?

**USEF4:**At most U.S. universities, you cannot apply for Master's level studies with a 3-year

Bachelor's degree. You could apply as a transfer student at the undergraduate level. Unfortunately, scholarship is very limited for transfer students. If you are applying for scholarship, USEF-Nepal recommends you to complete your Master's degree first and apply to the U.S. at the graduate level. In addition to registering for USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising, in which you will learn about applying to U.S. universities, also register for a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. to learn more about scholarship at the graduate level.

**Niraj:** I am a citizen of Nepal, and I desire to continue my higher education in the United States. What are the requirements and the substantial expense to study there? I have completed my high school from C.B.S.E board India with 89%. Can I get any scholarship if not how can I get scholarship??

**USEF4:** Studying in the U.S. is very expensive, and it costs somewhere between \$12,000 to \$60,000 per year to study in the U.S. Scholarship is limited and competitive at the undergraduate level. Your high percentage would definitely be a plus point in applying for scholarship; however, there are other factors – application essays, recommendation letters, standardized test scores and extra curricular activities, to name a few – which would be considered in determining scholarship awards. To learn about the requirements to apply and study in the U.S., please attend a free Friday Group Advising session at USEF-Nepal on a Friday by registering in advance. In this session, you will learn about prerequisites to studying in the U.S., the application process, criteria for scholarship, and more. To learn more about scholarships specifically, you can also register to attend another free session at USEF-Nepal, 'Scholarship 101 (Undergraduate)' which is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2010, at 2 p.m.

**Bikranta Paudel:** I want to go USA so give me suggestion about US study? There living cost, Education cost and Visa process. How can I get the visa???

**USEF4:** Your first step should be to attend USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising session which covers the prerequisites of U.S. higher education, the search and application process to U.S. institutions, standardized tests, scholarships, finances, and more. Please register for this free session starting Mondays. Living costs generally range between \$4,000 to \$12,000 annually, depending in large part on your location. Cities tend to have higher living costs than suburban or rural areas. Other costs associated with studying in the U.S. include tuition costs, which generally range from \$3,000 to \$40,000 annually, books and supplies, health insurance, personal expenses, and travel to the U.S. In total, college and universities' costs of attendance range between \$12,000 to \$60,000 per year.

**elezona:** If I got visa for US then is it necessary to stay on-campus can we stay out of campus by searching some friend on net?

**USEF4:** If you will be starting your undergraduate (Bachelor's) studies in the U.S., USEF-Nepal strongly advises you to stay on campus at least for your first year. By living on campus in the dormitories, you will be more strongly integrated into the campus community, it will be easier to take part in campus activities, you'll have easier access to the campus facilities, it will be easier to make friends, and you will not need to worry about things like cooking, commuting to campus, or paying extra bills. In fact, many U.S. colleges and universities require first year students to stay on campus. If this is not a requirement, however, and you really would like to live off campus, USEF-Nepal recommends that you contact your college or university for their advice on looking for off-campus housing. Some colleges and universities may provide you a list of recommended areas, or at least tips on starting your search for off-campus accommodation. Keeping your safety in mind, this would be a better starting point than the one you mentioned.

**sagun:**can i apply for both early decision and early action , which are at two different dates, to two different universities

**USEF1:**You can only apply to one college/university for early decision. However, you can apply to other schools for early action simultaneously. If you are accepted for early decision, you would have to withdraw your application for early actions.

**tsheten lama:**dear sir / madam i really wanna know if there is any chance for the me to study in usa becuse i am over age ( 28 years old ) and i have only completed +2 means high school ?

**USEF4:**At U.S. colleges and universities, one often finds students of diverse age groups. Certainly, students like you with a significant educational gap will need to explain clearly to the colleges or universities you apply to your accomplishments during your gap years, your commitment toward education, and why you wish to return to studies at this point in time. Some institutions offer “Continuing Education” or “Nontraditional Student” programs specifically designed for students of non-traditional ages, typically older than the usual college age students.

**rajan:**how can we know the black listed colleges of usa???

**USEF4:**There is no such thing as “black listed colleges”! But as you start your search for U.S. colleges and universities, you should certainly check the accreditation status of the institution. If a college/university is accredited, one can be assured of a basic level of academic quality and recognition after graduation. To check accreditation of institutions, you can go to <http://www.chea.org>. Then click on ‘Databases and Directories’ and ‘Database of Institutions...’ After you agree to their terms and conditions, you can enter the name of the college/university that you want to check for accreditation. We recommend students to go for ‘Regional Accreditation’ which is the highest form of accreditation. There are seven regional accrediting organizations and that list can be found at <http://www.chea.org/Directories/regional.asp>. The college/university you are interested in should be accredited by any one of these seven organizations. Ultimately, the decision of whether a college is a good fit is up to you! All applicants must choose the colleges that are the best fit for them, academically, cost-wise, and also based on numerous other factors.

**rajan:**could u plz tell me the top MBA colleges of usa ??

**USEF4:**Rankings are subjective, and USEF-Nepal encourages students to choose the best fitting colleges and universities for them, not just top-ranked ones. Top-ranked programs may actually not be a good match for all students. However, if you are interested in viewing one form of rankings, U.S. News produces annually the “America’s Best Graduate Schools” magazine which is available for reference at the USEF-Nepal library. In the 2011 edition, the “Top Schools” for business include, from ranks 1-9, Harvard University, Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sloan), Northwestern University (Kellogg), University of Chicago (Booth), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), Dartmouth College (Tuck), University of California-Berkeley (Haas), and – tied in 9th place – Columbia University and New York University (Stern). Please note that there are separate ranking charts for specialties such as Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Management, Marketing, Supply Chain/ Logistics, and others. Once again, we recommend not to base your university choice solely on rankings. Please attend USEF’s Friday Group Advising session for information on how to go about the college search process. Registration for this free session starts each week on Monday.

**sanjeev:** i have completed bachelor in engineering and i want o persue master with scholarship in Us what should i have to do

**USEF4:** Students in science and engineering fields have higher chances of getting scholarship compared to students in other fields because of the research involved in these fields. However, scholarship at the graduate level (master's and doctorate level) is always based on your merit. USEF-Nepal recommends you contact the engineering departments at the U.S. colleges and universities you're interested in and ask about the scholarship opportunities available. In addition to registering for USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising, in which you will learn about applying to U.S. universities, also register for a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. to learn more about scholarship at the graduate level.

**bijay:** I have low % in my academic (+2) can i apply for US or not. Plz answer me

**USEF4:** One of the recommended prerequisites for U.S. higher education is a strong academic background. If you have a strong academic record, your chances of admission and scholarship at U.S. colleges and universities increase. Certainly, you can still apply for admission even if you have low marks, but it may be better for you to secure high marks in your next level of education (a Bachelor's degree) and then apply to U.S. universities for Master's level studies. The basic requirements for studying in the U.S. are strong academics, adequate funding, English language proficiency, standardized test scores, and a student visa. For more information, please attend USEF's free Friday Group Advising session for which registration starts each Monday.

**ravi neupane:** hello what to do if the toefl paper result take long time i want to enter in this january

**USEF3:** When you register for the TOEFL test you can send your scores to four colleges for free. Please select the colleges in advance, at least one day before your test. The scores to these colleges will be sent directly from ETS (TOEFL organization) and should reach within 3-weeks time. This will save you time and money.

**pradip:** maY i get clear things about student exchange

**USEF4:** An excellent starting point is <http://exchanges.state.gov/> which is the website of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This website contains a wealth of information about exchange programs, student exchange included! In Nepal, USEF-Nepal administers the Fulbright Scholarship, the U.S. Government's flagship international exchange program, which takes Nepali students (mostly graduate students) to the United States and brings U.S. scholars and researchers to Nepal. Find more information about USEF-Nepal's Fulbright Program on our website <http://www.fulbrightnepal.org.np>.

**Hemant Thapa:** Hey i want to read Chartered Accountant C.A in usa

**USEF4:** In the United States, to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), you must pass the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination (CPA Exam) and then obtain licensure. The requirements for examination and licensure vary from state to state, but generally, in order to take the CPA exam, you will need to have completed a four year bachelor's degree from the United States (or equivalent from a foreign institution) with a specified number of credits in accounting and business. In order to apply for licensure, usually a specified number of years of work experience will be required. All students interested in becoming a CPA should visit the National Association of State Boards of

Accountancy's (NASBA) website located at [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org). On this website, you may access the eligibility requirements according to state as well as find detailed information on how to become a CPA. Detailed information about the CPA Exam is accessible online at the CPA Exam's website [www.cpa-exam.org](http://www.cpa-exam.org) and at [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

**shantiram bhandary:** how long do we have work experience to apply for the post grad programs

**USEF2:** For graduate study in the U.S. (Master's and PhD), some programs will require work experience (typically, some MBA programs will require work experience) whereas others will not. USEF-Nepal advises you to check the eligibility requirements directly with the colleges and universities you are interested in applying to.

**Arpit Singh:** why is it said that America is best in terms of education

**USEF4:** 1. There are a great number of reasons that students choose to study in the United States. Among them are quality, choice, and value. The United States has some of the world's finest colleges and universities. Worldwide, they are reputed for quality programs, faculty, facility, and resources. U.S. higher education accreditation systems are in place to ensure quality standards. The U.S. higher education system offers the world's largest choice in types of institutions, academic and social environments, entry requirements, degrees, and fields of study. Currently, there are more than 4,000 institutions of higher education in the United States. Considering a U.S. degree as an investment in your future, it offers great value for the money. There is a wide range of college costs, as well as some excellent scholarships available from colleges and universities. These are just some of the many reasons that students from all over the world choose to study in the United States.

**suryathapa:** I don't have work experience that US college and BS expected??? Is GMAT score can play a vital role with this poor percentage??

**USEF4:** From your question, we understand that you neither possess a strong academic background nor do you have work experience. By "BS" we take it that you want to apply to business schools, or universities that offer MBA programs. One of the recommended prerequisites for U.S. higher education is a strong academic background. If you have a strong academic record, your chances of admission and scholarship at U.S. colleges and universities increase. Work experience is required by some MBA programs (some programs require two years of relevant work experience) whereas work experience is not required from other MBA programs. A high GMAT score, though valuable in the admissions process for MBA programs, generally will not substitute for a poor academic background. In determining admission, universities look at a combination of factors such as academic background, work experience, statement of purpose, recommendation letters and standardized test scores.

**Jaya:** What is the first step should I have to do to study in America?

**USEF3:** If you are thinking about studying in the United States, your first step is to attend USEF's Friday Group Advising session. Topics include pre-requisites for studying in the USA, admission requirements, the application procedure, costs, scholarships, and standardized tests. Sessions are held every Friday morning and are FREE of cost. To attend, register at the library front desk starting Mondays.

**suryathapa:** I have completed my PG in Economics from India, Unfortunately I got 59% in my degree. Now I want to do my MBA from US business school. Most of the Business school frequently asking work experience and few of them only provide scholarship. What should I do to achieve scholarship and admission to such a college and business school???

**USEF4:** A strong academic background is usually one of the most important factors in U.S. university admission. Other factors are also important, such as standardized test scores (in your case, TOEFL and GMAT), statements of purpose, letters of recommendation, and – for some MBA programs – work experience. As you correctly observed, scholarships are hard to come by for MBA programs. In addition to registering for USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising, in which you will learn about applying to U.S. universities, also register for a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. to learn more about scholarship at the graduate level.

**binod:** Can I send GRE Scores after the deadline/

**USEF4:** Most U.S. colleges and universities are very strict about their application deadlines, thus they generally will not accept any late documents. However, if you were to inform the colleges or universities in advance, some may choose to wait for your delayed score report. Please contact the colleges or universities individually to know about their policies on late documents.

**Umanath Sharma:** I am a Nepalese student studying M.Sc in Biotechnology in Ben-Gurion University in Israel. For my Ph.D, I want to study in US University. Do i need to go back to nepal to apply or i can apply from here Plus Can you help me with the scholarship/assistantship sources ?? Thanks

**USEF4:** You may apply to U.S. universities from any where in the world! To apply for a student visa, however, you should contact the U.S. Embassy to enquire whether you would need to apply from your home country. For information about the application process for graduate programs and funding, as noted above, please visit the EducationUSA website and download the book on graduate studies. Please note that if you have access to Tel-Aviv, you may contact USEF-Nepal's counterpart office there called the U.S.-Israel Education Foundation. Contact information is located at <http://www.educationusa.info/Fulbright-TelAviv>.

**Al Amin:** My name is Al Amin. I am a Bangladeshi recently completed my High school education from Nepal in Nepali curriculum. Right now I am in Bangladesh persuing my B.Sc in Mechanical Engineering. I want to know can I start preparing for my graduate programme for US for studying in MS in Mechanical engineering? What is the approach of college search, applying for financial aid(Must for me) in this level? Can i avoid TOEFL just by giving GRE? How can i fully fund my education in US and the best possible process that will give me a placement in USA?

**USEF4:** 1. Thinking ahead to your Master's education while you are currently in your Bachelor's program is a wonderful idea! The application process to U.S. universities generally takes 12-18 months, so the earlier you start, the better. You have not specified whether your Bachelor's program is a 4-year program. Please note that a four-year Bachelor's is generally required for admission into Master's level programs in the United States. To get started on the application process – since you are not in Kathmandu and cannot attend our Friday Group Advising session – please visit the EducationUSA website <http://www.educationusa.state.gov>. Click on "For International Students," then on "Research Choices & Tests." Once here, make sure to explore the "Graduate Study" link, and also make sure to visit the "References" section, where you can download a free book called 'If You Want to Study in the USA,' which contains detailed information about studying in the USA. We encourage you to read this book very carefully, as it is an excellent comprehensive resource on the search and application process for U.S. colleges, as well scholarships. If you are in Dhaka, you may visit USEF-Nepal's counterpart office located at the American Center

in Dhaka. Please view contact information at <http://www.educationusa.info/AmericanCenterBangladesh>. To answer your question about GRE and TOEFL, the great majority of colleges and universities in the USA will require specified TOEFL scores from international applicants. USEF-Nepal strongly advises you to take both TOEFL and GRE.

**sabin:** I got I20 for this spring session and now I wanted to know that do I need to bring bank transaction at the time of interview or not??

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**rajan:** do i have to give gmat exam for doing masters in usa?

**USEF4:** The GMAT is for students wanting to pursue graduate studies in management where as the GRE is generally for non-management students. If you are planning to enter programs in the management field, such as MBA programs, the GMAT may be a requirement in many universities. USEF-Nepal advises you to take both TOEFL and GMAT. To learn more about standardized tests, in addition to attending USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising session (in which you will learn about the application process to U.S. institutions; register starting Mondays), please also register to attend our monthly 'Orientation on the Standardized Tests.' This free class is scheduled next for Nov. 17, 2010, at 2 p.m.

**WEB CHAT MODERATOR:** Please note that the U.S. Embassy will host a web chat to answer questions specifically about student visas at a future date.

**Anjana Dhakal:** I am waiting for M.ed second year result. My subject is Health Education. Is any chance for me study in USA. Could you please tell me.

**USEF1:** If you would like to study in the United States, it is a good idea to start the application process now because it takes around 12-18 months to apply to universities in the U.S. You can send your final results when they become available, communicating with the universities that your results are pending. However, you would have to send all the other application components before the university's deadline. To learn more about studying in the U.S., please attend a free Friday Group Advising session at USEF-Nepal by registering in advance.

**Datshay:** How difficult is it for the middle class family to study in the USA? Is there any scholarships for such students?

**USEF4:** The reality is that studying in the United States is very expensive. Per year costs range from \$15,000 to \$60,000. Some scholarships are available for international students on a competitive basis. USEF highly recommends that all students interested in studying in the United States start by attending a Friday Group Advising session at USEF. The two hour session is free of cost and covers important topics such as the prerequisites for U.S. higher education, the U.S. system of education, how to choose colleges, the application process, standardized tests, costs, and scholarships. To attend a Friday Group Advising session, please register in advance at USEF's front desk, preferably on Mondays. To learn specifically about scholarships, we encourage you to additionally attend USEF's monthly 'Scholarship 101' session, also free of cost.

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**Wangchuk:**how about the MIT course in USA...and which place is best for us to study,,,,??

**USEF4:**1. One of the best resources to start your U.S. college and university search is the USEF-Nepal library at Gyaneswor. If by 'MIT' you mean a Master's program in Information Technology, you can reference the Peterson's six-volumes of Graduate Program Handbooks in our library to find exactly which universities offer this program. You may also view program details and fellowship/assistantship information in these books. You may find similar information online at <http://www.petersons.com> (see the graduate schools search section). Regarding which place is best for you to study, this really depends on you, your criteria, and your preferences! At USEF's Friday Group Advising session, we discuss various criteria for university search, such as major, cost, scholarships, location, size, and more. Please register to attend a free session starting Mondays.

**Sudip:**Can i get scholarship for m.s. in aeronautics in american universities,i am a third year undergraduate in B.E. in mechanical engineering. What are the prerequisites for that study?

**USEF4:** Scholarships are available for graduate studies in the U.S. and they are always awarded on the basis of your merits. The prerequisite for applying to a master's program in the U.S. is usually a 4-year bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Additionally, there may be other requirements like a minimum GPA, personal essays, standardized test scores, etc. Please contact the individual universities to learn about their specific requirements. To learn about the requirements to apply and study in the U.S., please attend a free Friday Group Advising session at USEF-Nepal on a Friday by registering in advance. In this session, you will learn about prerequisites to studying in the U.S., the application process, criteria for scholarship, and more.

**sabina:**wht should be my bachelor degree marks for applying for master degree?

**USEF4:**U.S. colleges and universities have their own policies on academic requirements for entrance into their programs, so you would need to contact the institutions you are applying to this specific information.

**sabina:**should i do gre for applying for master degree?

**USEF4:**If you are applying for a non-management related program, GRE may be a requirement for many universities, especially competitive ones and ones that offer scholarships. USEF-Nepal recommends that you take both TOEFL and GRE. To learn more about standardized tests, in addition to attending USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising session (in which you will learn about the application process to U.S. institutions; register starting Mondays), please also register to attend our monthly 'Orientation on the Standardized Tests.' This free class is scheduled next for Nov. 17, 2010, at 2 p.m.

**Dikpal :**i m student just finished the Master's degree from Tribhuvan University in Biology. searching scholarship for further study in U.S. Is there any oppurtunities for us? If yes, how can we apply on it ? What do we need to apply on it ? Please may i have a detail info on it?

**USEF4:**1.Scholarship at the graduate level (master's and doctorate level) is always based on your merit. USEF recommends you to contact the biology departments at the U.S. colleges and universities you are interested in and ask about the scholarship opportunities available. In addition to registering for USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising, in which you will learn about applying to U.S. universities, also register for a free information session 'Scholarship 101 (Graduate Level)' at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 30, 2010 at 3 p.m. to learn more about scholarship at the graduate level.

**Sudip:**Suggest me the colleges where asian students can get scholarships in aeronautics

**USEF4:**1.First of all, you would have to find colleges that offer programs in aeronautics. You can attend USEF-Nepal's Friday Group Advising and come to the USEF-Nepal library to do your research and find colleges. You could also visit websites like [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to start your college search. You can then contact the admissions office at these schools to know more about the scholarship opportunities for international as well as Asian students. To learn more about scholarships, you can also register to attend another free session at USEF-Nepal, 'Scholarship 101 (Undergraduate)' which is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2010, at 2 p.m. The following websites might be helpful for you in your scholarship search: [www.fundingstudy.org](http://www.fundingstudy.org) and [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

**PP Bhattarai:**Which Course will be good to study in the USA for Nepalese students?

**USEF1:**It is totally your personal decision to choose a course/major to study in the U.S. because it depends on your interests and career goals. If you are not sure about it as an undergraduate applicant, you could apply to the U.S. as an 'Undecided' major and choose a major later on. You can generally change your major within the first year or two of your Bachelor's in the U.S.

**student:**I've finished my computer engg. this february and I am currently working as a Java programmer, and I would like to apply for the masters course after approx. 2 years. Will the time gap affect me in anyway?

**USEF2:**Many graduate programs value relevant work experience, which it seems you would have by the time you apply to U.S. universities. We advise you to discuss your work experience in your statement of purpose (a component of your application) and tie it in to your plan of study and your future long term and short term goals.

**WEB CHAT MODERATOR:**Thank you for your questions. There are many questions and our advisors are working their way down the list. Thank you for your patience.

**shishir 2:** Is it ok if we are applying with ielts and what is approximately the appreciable band score which is regarded eligible for us?

**USEF3:**About 2000 of the approximately 4000 colleges and universities in the United States accept the IELTS. To find out whether an institution accepts IELTS scores, and to find out the required band score for institutions (it will vary from college to college), please visit [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or contact the college or university you are planning to apply to. You may also reference this information at USEF-Nepal's library.

**Deepak Niroula:** i have one question to you: i have complete on my bachelor in management. and I have the 9 years experience in computer hardware and network Adm. I have educational gap too. And now I want to study in US for computer hardware and Network Security system in advance course. So is it possible.? although my marks in

bachelor and +2 is not so good. please give me advice..and i am very much interest to learn this faculty.. in us..

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**guest:**can private student of intermediate level can apply? what are the criteria?

**USEF2:**Students who have taken board examinations privately can also apply for U.S. higher education. You may, however, need to explain clearly to the colleges and universities why you have opted for a non-traditional mode of education. If there were extenuating circumstances which led you to taking the exams as a private candidate, this should be clearly explained in your application.

**shishir 2:**are there any other ways to get scholarships in us without sat???????

**USEF1:**SAT is only one of the several factors U.S. colleges are looking at to determine acceptance and scholarship. Colleges are also looking for well-rounded students with strong academics, extra-curricular activities, excellent application essays and strong letters of recommendation. USEF-Nepal highly recommends taking the SAT and doing well because it is usually one of the important factors for scholarship consideration.

**WEB CHAT MODERATOR:**The Embassy will also host another web chat to answer your student visa questions.

**Deepak Niroula:**sir you said : You can only apply to one college/university for early decision. However, you can apply to other schools for early action simultaneously. If you are accepted for early decision, you would have to withdraw your application for early actions. I am confused..... from your advice plz elaborate.. thank you

**USEF1:**Yes, you can apply for early decision to only one college and at the same time you can apply for early action to other colleges. Early decision is binding and early action isn't. You would have to attend the college you applied for early decision if they accept you. So, be careful when you choose to apply to a college for early decision.

**ravi neupane:**hello sir i did my toefl but paper result not arrived what should i do and tell to the embassy

**USEF3:**As you don't have much of a choice, we would recommend you print a copy of your online score report for your interview and explain your situation if asked. Please note that if you are planning to apply for a student visa, USEF-Nepal in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section offers a free 'Student Visa Info Session' for students possessing valid I-20s. Our next session is Nov. 18, 2010, at 2 p.m. Details and registration information are at <http://fulbrightnepal.org.np/edusa.php>.

**shantiram bhandary:**do you take only the genius students in the us

**USEF2:**Having a strong academic background is a suggested prerequisite to studying in the U.S. For more information about studying in the U.S., and to determine whether the U.S. is

an appropriate study destination for you, please attend USEF-Nepal's free Friday Group Advising session by registering in advance.

**neha:**Is there a chance of getting full scholarship in case I am transferring my credits to an American university? Are there any specific criterias for it?

**USEF2:**Transfer students – students who join a Bachelor's program in the U.S. after completing some of their Bachelor's program here in Nepal – generally are not awarded generous scholarship by U.S. colleges and universities. To make yourself competitive for scholarships, we recommend you score well on the SAT. If you would like to view a resource that helps you find colleges that do award transfer students scholarship, please refer to a Peterson's publication titled 'Applying to Colleges and Universities in the USA' available for sale and reference at USEF-Nepal's library in Gyaneswor.

**Abilash Gupta 2:**how much should be income of a student applying in a university whose fee would be from 18 to 23,000 \$

**USEF1:**The first step is to assess the funds available to you per year. If that fund is equal to or greater than the cost of attendance per year, you can show that amount and apply. If that fund is not enough, just show whatever amount you can afford per year and apply for scholarship to cover the remaining cost. To learn more about scholarship at the undergraduate level, attend a free 'Scholarship 101' session for undergraduate students at USEF-Nepal on Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. by registering in advance.

**Pemba Gelu Sherpa:**Please Let me Know that the Procedure and Requirement for apply, also monthly cost for study.

**USEF3:**To learn about the procedures and requirements and cost, we strongly advise you to attend USEF's Friday Group Advising session. This is the first step to take if you are thinking about studying in the United States. Topics include pre-requisites for studying in the USA, admission requirements, the application procedure, costs, scholarships, and standardized tests. Sessions are held every Friday morning and are FREE of cost. To attend, register at the library front desk starting Mondays. The great majority of your queries will be answered in this session. U.S institutions rarely quote costs on monthly basis. Annually, U.S. colleges and universities will cost between \$12,000 to \$60,000.

**Prajwal :**Is the scholarship chances for international student improve at Graduate Level compared to Undergraduate Level?

**USEF2:**Statistics show that far more graduate students receive scholarships than undergraduate students. In general though, for graduate studies, the science, engineering and technology fields in particular have more scholarship available than in other fields.

**WEB CHAT MODERATOR:**We only have time to answer a couple more questions. If you still have questions, please visit <http://www.fulbrightnepal.org.np/edusa.php> for information about advising services provided by USEF-Nepal.

**neha:**Is a score of 1890 in SAT considered good by American universities for accepting transfer students?

**USEF3:**There is no minimum SAT score for applying to U.S. colleges (in fact, some colleges do not even require SAT scores from transfer applicants, though USEF-Nepal strongly recommends that transfer students also take SAT). Ultimately, the higher your scores, the better your chances will be for acceptance.

**Pemba Gelu Sherpa:** i have finished my diploma in civil engineering but this time i would like joining mass media course so can i join?

**USEF1:** You should be able to switch major when you apply for an undergraduate program in the U.S. However, U.S. colleges do want to see that you have completed required prerequisite courses at the high school level. Since you did your diploma in civil engineering, USEF-Nepal recommends you to contact the colleges in the U.S. and confirm that you are eligible to apply for mass media. Attend a free Friday Group Advising Session at USEF-Nepal by registering in advance to learn more about studying in the U.S.

**dipesh:** If you have to specifically suggest any one college that values the students' work experience, which college(s) would that be?

**USEF2:** USEF-Nepal does not suggest colleges as we are unbiased. We will be very happy to guide you in your search process though. Make sure to use USEF-Nepal's advising and library services in choosing the best fitting college for you!

**USEF2:** Thanks to everyone for your excellent questions today! We hope that we were able to provide you some useful information during this WebChat. Please feel free to contact us with your additional queries on studying in the USA. USEF-Nepal is Nepal's only EducationUSA Advising Center supported by the U.S. Department of State. We are your official source of information on studying in the United States. We provide students with accurate, reliable, unbiased, and free information on U.S. higher education. Please visit us at Gyaneswor, join our mailing list at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/usef\\_nepal](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/usef_nepal), and find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/usef.nepal>! Thank you to the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section for a wonderful WebChat!