

Undergraduate Study in the US

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The primary responsibility of Fulbright New Zealand is to administer the Fulbright Programme in New Zealand. We also administer a number of other visitor programmes involving New Zealanders and Americans, such as the Kennedy Fellowship and the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy.

Fulbright New Zealand also offers an advising service to people thinking about studying in the US. There is an educational adviser on the staff who is available to answer questions and help students throughout the process of organising admission to US colleges and universities. This includes answering initial inquiries, right through to helping with the completion of application forms if required. The adviser can also conduct pre-departure orientation sessions with interested students.

Fulbright New Zealand also maintains a reference library in Wellington. The library contains a variety of materials pertaining to study in the US, including:

- guides to all the undergraduate programmes in the US
- a collection of college and university catalogues, in hard copy and on CD-ROM
- databases to help students identify colleges and universities that meet their needs
- information on financial aid
- registration forms for standardised admissions tests

The library is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. We encourage you to visit us, but please ring to arrange a time first. If you live outside Wellington and it's not possible for you to visit our library, we suggest that you visit the library at your nearest university. If you're unable to find the information you're looking for, contact us and we will assist you via phone, fax, mail and email.

General information about undergraduate study in the US

Colleges vs. universities

A college in the US is a tertiary institution, not a secondary school. The terms “university” and “college,” however, are not used completely interchangeably. Generally, a university meets the following conditions:

- it offers graduate degrees (Master’s and Ph.D.) in addition to undergraduate degrees
- its faculty is expected to do research and to publish
- it has more than one undergraduate programme (eg, a College of Engineering in addition to a College of Arts and Sciences)

A college meets the following criteria:

- it offers post-secondary, undergraduate education in only one branch of learning, usually the liberal arts (the humanities - traditional, non-technical subjects such as history, literature, and biology)
- it offers either a two or a four-year degree (never both)
- a college may also be an administrative unit within a university which is responsible for one branch of learning (liberal arts, engineering, architecture, etc.)

Americans commonly refer to both colleges and universities as "schools". For the sake of simplicity, the remainder of this handout uses the two terms interchangeably.

Degrees offered

Undergraduate study in the US follows twelve years of primary and secondary schooling. The two undergraduate degrees awarded are the Associate’s degree and the Bachelor’s degree. The Associate’s degree is a two-year degree awarded by technical, community or junior colleges. The Bachelor’s degree is a four or five-year degree awarded by colleges or universities.

There are two types of Associate degrees:

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Sciences (AS)

Associate’s degrees are usually very practical and offer advanced training in technical areas, such as business occupations, data processing, nursing, engineering technology, interior design and medical assisting.

There are several types of Bachelor’s degrees. Some examples are:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

Some students intending to complete a Bachelor's degree start their study at a two-year junior or community college, and then transfer to a four-year institution to complete the degree. This can significantly reduce costs because junior and community colleges are generally less expensive than four-year colleges and universities.

Bachelor's degree requirements

In order to receive a Bachelor's degree, students must generally complete several requirements, including:

- general education requirements (classes outside the major field of study) including 12 or more classes, mostly taken during the first two years of study. These courses are intended to provide students with a broad understanding of the world, and they are required for completion of the degree.
- a sequence of courses within the field of study, called "major requirements." This may consist of as many as 15 or more different classes, mostly taken during the last two years of study. In these courses, student work quite closely with professors and their curricula will be specialised.

Overall, students in most fields of study must complete between 120 and 124 units/credit hours in order to graduate. This includes major requirements, general education and elective courses. With an average course load of 15 or 16 units each semester, this means that a student can complete a Bachelor's degree in four years of full-time study.

In addition, some universities have additional requirements, such as a thesis written during the final year of study, or a research project.

Medicine and law

In the US, medicine and law are not offered as undergraduate majors. Students must first complete a Bachelor's degree in another field before they can apply to law or medical school.

There are no required majors for students planning to attend law or medical school, although some colleges offer "pre-law" or "pre-medicine" programmes. These programmes help prepare students for law or medical school, but they are not majors in their own right, and law and medical schools do not require applicants to have completed one of these programmes.

Methods of instruction

At many small colleges, class size averages around 15-20 students, so classes often consist of a discussion between the professor and the students. This requires the student to play an active rather than a passive role. Professors often determine a portion of the course grade based on the quality of a student's class participation.

In large colleges or universities, it is more common to have large classes (60 or more people) conducted in a traditional lecture style. Undergraduate classes at large colleges and universities are often taught by graduate students (known as teaching assistants) rather than by full professors.

Preparation for undergraduate study in the US

Admission requirements vary significantly from one university to another. Some institutions are very selective, while others accept most applicants. In general, the following four factors will be the main considerations taken into account in the assessment of your application:

- your academic record
- your application essay
- your scores on standardised tests such as the ACT, SAT I (Scholastic Achievement Test I), SAT II (Scholastic Achievement Test II/subject test), and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS
- your letters of recommendation

The semester and quarter systems

The majority of colleges and universities in the US use the semester system. This means that there are two major periods of study in each academic year, Fall and Spring, with 16 or 17 weeks of study in each semester. There may also be a shorter, optional period of study in the summer.

Some universities use a different plan called the quarter system. In this plan there are four 10 week study periods (or “quarters”) during the year. Each student is usually expected to attend three quarters, but some students attend all four quarters in order to graduate sooner.

The credit system

Course work in the US is measured on the credit system. When a student takes a class, the work is measured in “units” or “credit hours.” Usually, a class that meets for three hours of lecture or discussion each week carries three units of credit. Generally, one hour of undergraduate credit means one hour of lecture and two hours of homework. So a three unit class means that a student is expected to work nine hours each week. An average Bachelor’s degree student takes about 15 units each semester so about 45 hours of attendance and study are expected each week.

When referring to “units” or “credit hours” people are generally talking about units in a semester system. Each unit in a quarter system equals $\frac{2}{3}$ of a semester unit. So a student who completes 30 semester units each year in a semester system is doing the same amount of work as a student who completes 45 quarter units. If a semester-system university requires a total of 120 semester units for a Bachelor’s degree, a similar quarter-system school would require 180 quarter units.

A planning timetable for organising admission

The academic year in the US commences anytime from late August to mid-October, depending on the school. The following suggested programme starts 12 to 18 months before the commencement of studies. Mid-year admission (which would allow you to begin classes in January or February) may be possible, but you'll need to check directly with the colleges concerned.

International mail can be slow and unreliable so allow plenty of time for correspondence!

For more detailed information about each of the steps outlined here, please refer to the rest of the information contained in this pack. Each college has its own requirements for admission, so these are general guidelines only. Consult the colleges for more detailed information about their specific admission requirements.

April/May/June

Step 1

Initially identify 10 to 15 colleges that meet the criteria you have identified as important to you (see the section in this pack on selecting the colleges to which you will apply).

Step 2

Consult *Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education* to ensure that the institutions to which you're applying are regionally accredited. Specialised accreditation is also important in fields leading to professional practice (ie. engineering, architecture and pharmacy). If professional accreditation is available in your field, the *programme* to which you're applying should be accredited, as well as the *college or university*.

Step 3

Begin to investigate possible sources of financial assistance outside the college system. Even if the programmes you're interested in offer financial assistance, in most cases they won't offer you enough to cover all of your costs. Applying for financial assistance from outside sources can take several months, and you often have to apply as much as a year before you actually need the money, so don't put off this step.

July/August

Step 1

Determine which standardised admissions tests you'll be required to take and register to sit them. Do this as early as possible and request that your scores be sent to the institutions to which you're thinking about applying. Test scores must be sent to the schools directly from the testing agency. Universities will not accept copies sent by you.

The standardised tests you're most likely to have to sit are:

- *SAT I or ACT*

Many colleges require applicants to submit results from the SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test I) or the ACT (American College Test). It is possible to sit both exams in New Zealand.

The SAT I and the ACT are primarily multiple-choice tests that measure verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities. Neither test assumes knowledge of American history, literature or any other American-specific subject which you're unlikely to have studied. No standard score is required on either test; you can't fail either exam.

- *SAT II*

Unlike the SAT I, each SAT II exam tests your knowledge in a specific subject area. One or more SAT II subject tests may be required of undergraduate applicants to certain colleges or universities, particularly those with competitive admissions. Usually, you are allowed to choose which subject tests you would like to take. Some programmes require to take a specific subject test(s).

- *TOEFL*

If English is not your first language, you must take the TOEFL and submit your score to the universities to which you apply. Many institutions require a minimum 550 score on the TOEFL to enter their academic programmes.

Some schools may not require the TOEFL if you completed high school or college in the US or if you graduated from a four-year, degree-granting institution where English is the language of instruction.

Some schools will accept IELTS instead of TOEFL scores

Step 2

Contact the undergraduate admissions office at each college that interests you and request their catalogue, an application form, and information on financial assistance (this contact may be by regular mail, fax, or email). In your letter, indicate the major academic area of interest to you and give an indication of your academic performance thus far (see the sample letter in this information pack). Carefully print your name and address on all inquiries. Don't send a lot of information with these initial inquiries.

Step 3

Contact Fulbright New Zealand and organisations you've identified as possible sources of funding and request an application form (see the sample letter in this handout). Again, this contact may be by regular mail, fax or email.

August/September/October

Step 1

Carefully read all materials sent to you by the colleges. Assess which colleges seem most promising and most closely match your interests, needs and capabilities.

Make sure that you can meet the college application deadlines. These vary from college to college so note the dates carefully. Some schools have deadlines from early November to early February for admission the following September, whereas other schools have "rolling admissions," which means they process applications year-round as they are received and simply offer admitted students entry to the next available session.

Stated deadlines are generally the final date for receipt of applications and all supporting credentials, as well as official test scores (SAT I, SAT II, ACT and TOEFL).

If you require financial assistance, determine whether it's available (see the partial list in this information pack of colleges that offer assistance to international undergraduate students).

Step 2

Choose 4 or 5 schools to which you will actually apply. It's best to apply to more than one school, but don't apply to more than five. Applying is expensive, and if you've chosen carefully and realistically, you shouldn't need to apply to more than 5 to be fairly confident of getting accepted by at least one.

Step 3

Read the materials sent to you by the private funding sources you identified and determine whether you meet their selection criteria. Complete and submit applications for those scholarships for which you're eligible by the deadline.

Step 4

Sit the appropriate standardised test(s).

October/November/December

Step 1

Complete the college admissions applications carefully and legibly. Always give your name in exactly the same way on your application and in all future correspondence. If some of your credentials or records are under a different name or spelling, be sure to indicate this on the application.

Submit all required items a month or so *before* the deadline. *It is to your advantage to apply early so do so if you possibly can.* Be sure to include the correct application fee in US dollars.

When filling out the application forms, pay special attention to the application essay. For most colleges, this is a very important part of the application (see the section of this information pack on writing an application essay).

Step 2

Request your official academic records and, if appropriate, and submit them in both the native language and in certified English translation to the universities to which you've applied. You will need to furnish evidence that you completed secondary school and submit transcripts showing the courses you took. If you took a school-leaving examination, then send a copy of the results. Official documents must bear the seal of the school and authorised signature(s). Certified photocopies are usually acceptable. Take the original documents with you to the US as the institution you attend may wish to see them.

Step 3

Submit any required letter(s) of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should come from individuals you know through classes and extracurricular activities. A good referee will meet several of the following criteria:

- has a high opinion of you
- knows you well in more than one area of your life
- has taught or worked with many students and can make a favourable comparison of you with your peers
- has good written communication skills

No one person is likely to satisfy all these criteria, so choose those people who come closest to the ideal.

Once you've decided whom to ask for recommendations, ask them if they feel they know you well enough to write a meaningful letter. Provide them with the supporting materials that will assist them in writing a good detailed letter. Examples of such materials are transcripts, a resume/CV, and a copy of your application essay. The referees themselves must write and sign the recommendations. It's also helpful to provide them with addressed, airmail-stamped envelopes and a copy of the college's letter of recommendation form.

Step 4

Carefully and promptly respond to all inquiries you receive from the colleges to which you've applied. Once your application file at an institution is complete, you'll need to allow at least eight weeks before expecting to receive an admissions decision. Many schools send offers of admission only in March and April.

March/April/May

Step 1

Once you've received an admission decision from each college, you'll need to decide which college you would like to attend. Each college that offers you admission should give an indication of how much, if any, financial assistance they are prepared to offer you. Your decision should take this into account.

Step 2

Write to the college you decide to attend to let them know that you will be accepting their offer of admission. Also write to any other colleges that offered you admission to let them know that you will not be taking up their offer of admission. Most schools will provide a form with the admission package that they want you to return for this purpose. There will be other students on the waiting list who would like your spot if you don't want it!

June/July/August

Step 1

Apply for a student visa once you've received an I-20 or DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility) from the college you will be attending. For information about applying for a US visa, you should call the US Visa Information Service on 0900 USA Visa (0900 878 472) or refer to <http://wellington.usembassy.gov/> and click on "visas to the US".

The type of visa you will apply for will depend on whether the university sends you an I-20 or DS-2019. If they send you an I-20, you will need to apply for an F-1 (student) visa. On an F visa, any accompanying dependants are forbidden to work. If the university send you a DS-2019, you will need to apply for a J-1 (exchange visitor) visa. On a J visa, dependants are permitted to apply for a work permit upon arrival, but it is not automatic that a work permit will be granted. The J visa has a restriction attached to it that requires that you (and your dependants) return to New Zealand for at least two years upon completion of your degree.

Both visa types allow students to work, but there are very specific restrictions and guidelines regarding the type of work, hours of work, etc. It is best to check with the international students' office at the university you attend before commencing any work.

The college can't issue an I-20 or DS-2019 until they've admitted you, determined your English proficiency (and you've arranged additional training if necessary), and they've established that your funding is sufficient to meet the institution's expenses. In some cases, colleges require prepayment of the year's tuition or some portion of that tuition before they issue the I-20 or DS-2019. The Certificate of Eligibility is valid only for study in the institution issuing it, and only for the starting dates specified.

Apply EARLY for your visa!

Persons between the ages of 16 and 60 who need a nonimmigrant visa to travel to the United States now require a personal interview with a consular officer at the Consulate General in Auckland to determine their eligibility. In general, applicants should not expect to receive a visa without a personal interview. This is a global policy that affects all applicants for U.S. visas around the world.

Applicants pay the visa application fee at NZ Post Shops, and mail their applications, passports, and any supporting documents to the Consulate General in Auckland. Applicants must schedule an appointment for a personal interview by calling 0900 USA Visa (0900 878 472). Every effort will be made to schedule an appointment on a day of the applicant's choosing, but the Consulate General cannot guarantee that all such requests will be accommodated. Interviews are not conducted on a walk-in basis.

Appointments are required except in cases of genuine emergency. Applicants are asked to submit their passports, applications and any supporting documents prior to the interview so that appropriate checks can be performed in advance.

You should refer to <http://wellington.usembassy.gov/> for the most up-to-date information and changes affecting the US visa application process.

Step 2

Make travel arrangements. It is recommended that you wait until after you have been issued a visa before purchasing tickets for travel, as there is no guarantee that you will be granted a visa.

Selecting the colleges to which you will apply

Choosing a college

There are more than 1,300 community and junior colleges and 2,000 colleges and universities in the US with undergraduate programmes. Obviously, you will need to narrow down this list and decide which colleges you wish to apply to. We recommend that in the initial stages you narrow down your list to no more than 15 institutions. We don't recommend that you actually apply to this many universities, but it's good to investigate a range of options in the initial stages.

Often, students already have some colleges in mind. Most of the time, these are the well-known, highly competitive colleges, which is fine as long as you're realistic about the likelihood of getting accepted to - and, even more importantly, of getting any financial aid from - these schools. With more than 2,000 colleges and universities in the US offering Bachelor's degrees, it makes sense to cast your net a bit wider and consider a range of schools. This is something with which we can help you.

There are a number of websites that offer tools to help you find universities that meet your specifications. Here are just a few to get you started:

www.educationusa.state.gov

www.petersons.com

www.collegeboard.com

Once you've got this list you can find out more about these schools by one of the following methods:

- obtain a copy of *Peterson's Applying to Colleges and Universities in the United States* from us
- look them up in a guide such as *Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges* (in our library, or perhaps in your local university or public library)
- look up their home pages on the Internet

Once you know a bit more about each school, you can decide whether you would like to request a copy of their full catalogue and application materials.

Rankings

Many students are interested in the annual rankings of US colleges and universities. It's important to understand that the US does not publish any official list of best universities. Several privately compiled "best" lists have been created based on such factors as research funds or the opinions of professionals in a given field. These lists vary considerably in their conclusions, which is not surprising given the number of colleges in the US, each with their own goals and strengths.

Often the most famous colleges and universities are also the most expensive and the most difficult to enter. The "best" university is going to be the one that is right for you; that is, one that offers your field of study and meets other criteria important to you such as location, financing, housing, and facilities for international students.

Don't choose your schools based only on the fame of the university. Harvard, Stanford, MIT, UC Berkeley and Princeton deserve their excellent reputations, but there are many other very fine schools in the US offering undergraduate students a first-rate education.

Things to consider when narrowing down your list of universities

There are many factors that will influence your choice of college. You need to do your research carefully to choose the school that will best suit your needs and talents. Weigh all of these factors and choose the institution with the best balance. Following are some things to think about when considering different colleges:

- **Majors offered**

What subjects or areas of study do you want to concentrate on? You don't need to be absolutely certain, but you should be able to identify a few areas of interest to you. Look for colleges that offer majors in these areas and that offer a good selection of courses with a variety of faculty in these fields of study. Some large colleges offer just about every area of study, while smaller schools generally have more limited offerings.

Be careful about the names of some fields. Sometimes two very different fields have similar names. For example, engineering and engineering technology are not the same. Alternatively, two different universities may offer very similar programmes but give them different names, i.e. biology and biological science. Use the college catalogue to determine what course of study is involved in a particular major.

Some programmes may have restrictions on the admission of international students. Some public state universities have crowded programmes such as physical therapy that are open only to permanent residents of the state in which the school is located. International students and residents of other states are not eligible, or their numbers may be very restricted.

Remember that medicine and law are not studied at the undergraduate level in the US. Students who wish to study these subjects must already have earned a bachelor's degree.

- **Strength of programme**

On top of ensuring that the schools you apply to offer a major in your field of interest, you should also try to ensure that the schools actually have a recognised strength in your intended major. Schools with good programmes in a particular field of study may not necessarily be the universities that are well-known to you. For example, a small school with only undergraduate programmes may offer an outstanding Bachelor's degree curriculum in marine biology, yet not be well-known internationally because it is not a research institution. However, it may be the best choice for an undergraduate student who may then continue their graduate education at another college or university, which offers the research facilities that become important at the graduate level.

- **Selectivity (entrance difficulty)**

When choosing which universities to apply to, be realistic about your chances of gaining acceptance to the school. It's expensive to apply, so spend your money on the schools that are most likely to offer you a place. In other words, if you're a strong student, but not an outstanding one, then you're probably wasting your time applying to the top three schools. You would do better to set your sights on a school a bit further down the list.

You can employ the same principle that most American students do: apply to one or two "reach" schools, two or three competitive but not extremely selective schools, and one "safety" school. Your "reach" schools are those that you would very much like to attend but you're not sure that your academic record and test scores are good enough for you to be seriously considered. The schools in the middle are those where you're confident that your application will be given serious consideration, but you're not 100% confident that you will be accepted. And your "safety" school is one that you are very certain will accept you because you more than meet their admission criteria.

If you are applying to community colleges, selectivity is not an issue because community colleges have non-competitive admissions.

- **Cost and financial aid**

Financing an education in the US can be very expensive. Check whether the institutions you choose offer financial aid. Scholarships usually go to the students with the best academic qualifications or with special talents, in sports or the arts for example. There is some but not much need-based aid for international undergraduate students.

Private colleges are normally more expensive than public universities and community colleges, but they are also often more generous with their financial aid.

Sports scholarships are reserved for truly outstanding athletes (in at least the top 20 in your sport in New Zealand).

- **Accreditation**

The US government does not have a central ministry of education that provides national control over US educational institutions. Each state regulates education to some extent but colleges have considerable independence. Accreditation, in which institutions voluntarily agree to be evaluated by their peers, provides a system designed to ensure that these institutions achieve basic levels of quality in their programmes, facilities, and services.

Two types of accreditation exist: institutional and professional. Institutional accreditation refers to the college or university as a whole. Six regional accrediting bodies accredit institutions. A few national bodies accredit special types of schools, such as religious colleges.

Professional accreditation exists only in fields where professional competence is of broad concern, such as engineering, nursing, and business. The importance of professional accreditation varies from field to field. Some overseas governments recognise US degrees (in fields that have a professional accrediting body) only from programmes that are both institutionally and

professionally accredited. Other ministries maintain their own lists of "approved" US institutions that are even narrower. You should look into any such possible limitations before choosing a programme and at a minimum should seek a degree only from US institutions that are institutionally accredited.

- **Academic facilities**

Good libraries are an important consideration. The importance of computer facilities will depend upon your field of study. Most institutions with major programmes in the sciences have highly sophisticated computer facilities. You should also consider flexibility or variations in the programme that interests you.

- **Type of college**

Choose the type of institution best suited to your needs:

- community college: small, local college offering Associate's degrees, often emphasise business and practical studies
- liberal arts college: offers Bachelor's degrees, generally has more students than a community college and requires students to study a broad range of subjects
- university: offers Bachelor's and graduate degrees, usually has a large number of students and a huge range of courses from which to choose

Colleges and universities in the US are either public or private. Public institutions receive a lot of their funding from the state and federal governments. Private institutions get some funding from the state and federal governments, but most of their funding comes from private sources, generally in the form of donations.

Do you wish to attend a school with a specific religious affiliation? Do you want to attend a school that admits only one gender?

- **Enrolment size**

Colleges and universities in the US vary in size from a few hundred students to over 75,000. Campuses may be a few buildings in a city or a huge spread of land with its own airport. Size affects the atmosphere of the school. A large institution may offer a greater variety of courses, but at the same time professors may be too busy with their own research to help you. You may find that many of your classes are taught by teaching assistants rather than full professors.

A small college will almost always offer smaller classes and more contact with professors, but the departments will tend to be smaller too. Check the size of the university and the size of the academic department. Smaller schools generally offer more personal attention, smaller classes and a quieter, less hurried atmosphere.

- **Campus setting and geographical location**

The US is a very large country with many distinct regions. Think about what sort of climate and lifestyle would suit you best. Also consider whether you would prefer living in a large city or a small town. Do you have any family or friends in the US that you want to be near? Keep in mind that larger cities and the East

and West Coasts tend to have higher living costs than rural areas or the Midwest.

- **Student body**

Consider factors such as whether the schools are co-ed (male and female students), men-only, or women-only, number of foreign students, number of full-time vs. part-time students.

- **Sports and campus life**

If playing a particular sport is important to you, you should try to choose a college that offers that sport. Similarly, if you want to participate in activities such as a drama group, a student newspaper, etc. then look for schools that offer such things.

- **Housing**

Is university housing available (in a dormitory or student residence hall), or will you have to search for an apartment? If you plan to live off-campus, check if the school has a housing office to assist you.

- **Services for international students**

Different colleges offer different services to international students. Some colleges have international advisers, homestay programmes for holidays, and other services for international students. Students who wish to improve their English should check to see which colleges offer programmes in English as a Second Language. If it's important to you, check to see whether the school has any international organisations, sports teams or clubs, or musical or other activities that will be of interest.

Writing an application essay

General information

In addition to the cold, hard facts about you as a student, American universities want to get to know you as a person, so they often require undergraduate applicants to write an essay as part of their application. The essay is your opportunity to distinguish yourself from the many other applicants with the same academic qualifications. As a student from another country, you generally have some advantage so make the most of it.

Admissions officers read hundreds of essays, so it's important that you make yourself come alive as a person and stand out from the crowd. You must be sure of what you want, why you want it, and why that particular college can help you. Explain why the school should select you over someone else.

The essay also shows how well you can express your ideas in writing. In college, your writing skills are very important to your academic success. Your grades will depend on your term papers, final exams, etc., and these are often in essay form. Colleges are looking for students who think clearly. The essay will demonstrate whether you possess this quality.

For many students, writing the essay is the hardest part of the application process, but with the keen competition for admission to US colleges your essay often becomes a crucial element of your application package. A writing sample will not be the sole basis for rejecting or accepting you, but it can certainly influence the admissions process. You need to take the essay seriously and allow yourself plenty of time to write it (weeks, rather than hours).

If your secondary school grade point average (GPA) or exam scores are low, then the essay can carry added importance, because admissions officers will read it many times for an explanation as to why these numbers are low.

Essay topics

There are many different essay questions but they can be easily separated into three generic categories: the *you* topic, the *why us* topic and the *creative* topic.

The *you* topic is basically a personal statement. The admissions office wants to know who "you" are or who you think "you" are. This question in many ways is the easiest type because the topic is something you know a lot about. However, this type of essay can be the most dangerous. The key is focus. Try to focus on a single point, event, or action that explains clearly who "you" are and how you are different from others. Be direct and try to describe yourself in a warm and insightful manner. Back up the portrait you are painting of yourself with a real and vivid event (or events) that proves the interpretation you have chosen.

The *why us* topic asks you to explain your reasons for wanting to attend their particular institution, therefore it's important for you to become well acquainted with each of the colleges to which you're applying. They are looking to see if your background and expectations match what they offer. Again, focus on specifics. Say in a matter-of-fact

way why their school is for you. Name names, course offerings, professors, and facilities. Make a clear and vivid connection between you and the school.

The *creative* topic can be the most difficult but can also be the most fun. Some examples of *creative* topics are: “Defend your least conventional belief”, “Given the authority to establish a holiday, what would you choose to commemorate?”, “If you could interview any historical figure, who would it be and why?” and “Describe an expressive silence”. The key to these questions is choice. Why did you choose to answer the way you did? Your choice reflects your personality, preferences, values, and how you think. In writing this type of essay stay focused on your idea and write in an well-organized and clear manner to express your points.

Tips for writing a good essay

Getting started

- make a few copies of the relevant page of the application form to practice on
- to begin, write freely and put down notes as they occur to you
- organise your thoughts by drawing up an outline and defining the main theme of your essay in a specific thesis statement, the purpose of which is to make clear the central idea of the paper - *the first sentence is the most important one because it gets the reader's attention!*

Content

- be yourself
- focus on the special, unique things of your life
- be positive but honest
- don't be modest
- distinguish yourself from other applicants and make yourself memorable
- include only relevant points
- express yourself clearly
- find an angle or “hook” so you capture the reader's interest from the beginning
- don't over-elaborate, but don't be too brief and superficial either
- don't mention subjects that are potentially controversial
- religion and politics normally don't belong in your personal statement
- structure the sequence of your ideas carefully and logically
- in the conclusion, restate your thesis and the main points supporting it, and also give the reader some new ideas or information to challenge her/him to think further

Other tips

- write several drafts of the essay, working to make it interesting and easy to follow
- eliminate repetition and make sure each sentence and idea is important and connects to the next
- check that the length and structure of sentences are varied and that you've avoided cliches
- use the essay to relate new information that is not already covered in your application
- if you have unusual experience, explain it so it can't be interpreted in the wrong way

- don't fail to explain errors or weaknesses in your background
- don't make yourself perfect - perfect applicants don't exist and they are not nearly as interesting as real human beings
- don't try to write something that you think will please the admissions officers
- be sure to avoid any confusion or ambiguity that might be created by cultural and linguistic differences
- it is not enough to simply state ideas, you must support them - if you successfully prove your statements, the reader should agree with your conclusion
- each paragraph should deal with one central idea, which is introduced early in a topic sentence, telling the reader what to expect in the paragraph
- several ideas in one paragraph will confuse the reader

Finishing up

- make sure you've followed the instructions and that your answer is the specified length
- ask at least one person to read your essay and give you their impressions and suggestions (close friends or relatives may not be the best choice because they know you well and may not notice missing information or lack of clarity in your essay)
- ask the person who reads your essay, "Could anyone else have written this?" and if s/he says yes, you haven't taught the admissions folks anything about you
- proof the essay carefully yourself and find someone else with strong English to do a final check of your grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- type the final essay or do it on a word processor

Financial aid

Undergraduate study in the US is expensive. Below is a table (in US dollars) showing the estimated average annual cost of studying at community colleges versus private and public colleges and universities in the US (according to the College Board's *Trends in College pricing 2009-10*):

Community, private and public colleges and universities

Areas of expenditure	Community	Public	Private
tuition and fees	\$2,544	\$18,548*	\$26,273
books and supplies	Range from \$940 to \$1,122		
room and board	Range from \$7,000 to \$8,900		
Transportation	Range from \$1,079 to \$ 2,200		
Other	Range from \$1,300 to \$2,300		
TOTAL	\$12,863+	\$28,867+	\$36,592+

**non-resident (Average Cost)*

It is vital that you are realistic about how much money you and your family can contribute to your education. This needs to be determined before you begin to research schools so that you don't waste your time and money applying to schools that you cannot afford.

You are expected to prove, to both the university to which you are applying and to the consul who grants student visas, that you can meet the yearly cost of attendance at the university you plan to attend. To make matters worse, tuition costs generally increase 5-10% each year!

Most students are unable to meet all of these costs on their own, so they must look for financial assistance. Because financial assistance for undergraduates is so limited, the search for financial aid is one of the most time-consuming tasks in the process of organising admission to a US college. It will involve a lot of research on your part. A good starting point is the library at your nearest university. Another source of information is the Internet (please see the list of web sites included in this information pack).

Unfortunately, though, there is no one definitive source on financial aid for study in the US. Assistance available from different sources varies from year to year and from school to school. And many colleges don't actively publicise what limited financial assistance they may offer in order to avoid being swamped with applications, and so students won't pin all their hopes on schools that they simply can not afford.

It is very important that you don't leave your search until too late. Applications for many grants and scholarships close at least a year before the money will actually be available, so start your research right away. The more time you give yourself, the more scholarships you'll be able to apply for, and the better your chances of being offered assistance. Colleges also like to see that you have sought funding from a variety of sources.

It is important to note that almost all colleges will require you to meet a portion of the cost of your undergraduate study. Very few schools give total financial aid packages, and they are more inclined to give partial financial aid (generally 25-30% of the total

cost) to students who will be able to contribute something toward the cost of their own education.

The primary source of financial support for over 80% of international students is personal and family funding. Less than 10% of funding comes from the college and less than 10% comes from all other sources (government, corporate, organisations, foundations, etc). So at the same time that you start your search for colleges and financial aid, you should start to set some money aside for your education.

Scholarship search services

(The following information is based on a handout written by the Council of Better Business Bureaus in the US).

There are a growing number of companies that “guarantee” to “match” students with sources of funding, regardless of their academic qualifications or scholastic credentials. If this sounds too good to be true, it’s because it is. While there are some reputable companies offering assistance with tracking down possible sources of funding, you should do your homework and check out exactly what a search service is offering, before you give them any money.

Most of these services ask for an upfront fee, ranging from US\$50 to several hundred dollars. In return for this, students receive a list of possible scholarship sources. These companies do not help you to obtain scholarships, nor do they screen applicants to ensure eligibility for certain scholarships. Once you’ve purchased the list it is your responsibility to research and contact each organisation.

Some companies offer a money-back guarantee if you don’t receive a scholarship or other funds. However, you may find it difficult to obtain a refund if you decide to seek one. The company may require that you prove, through documentation, that you were denied a scholarship by *every* source on the list.

Don’t necessarily steer clear of all scholarship search services - just be careful about which companies you choose to deal with and carefully consider exactly what it is they say they can do for you.

Merit-based vs. need-based aid

Most assistance available to international students is merit-based. Colleges and private foundations awards merit-based aid according to criteria which measures performance or potential performance in college. This may be an objective measurement using grades and test scores, or it may be a subjective measurement based on one person’s opinion.

Need-based aid is comparatively rare, particularly for international students, and generally consists of college-based loans, grants and work study programmes. Colleges generally administer college-sponsored need-based programmes according to federal and state regulations. These programmes are open to students who meet specific financial need standards. Eligibility criteria are standard.

Selection criteria

Students will have a greater chance of obtaining financial assistance if they:

- show evidence of a high level of academic achievement
- achieve high scores on standardised exams (SAT I, SAT II, TOEFL, etc)
- demonstrate financial need but have private funding to cover some of the cost (financial need is not crucial for all awards)

Application procedures

You should apply for both need-based and merit-based aid, but the procedures may be different for each type of aid application. Application requirements vary widely, so you should write directly to the funding source for details as early as possible.

In general, you should:

- be as specific as possible about your interests and plans when writing to a potential funder for eligibility information
- sit for the appropriate standardised examinations such as the SAT I, SAT II, and TOEFL well in advance of the application deadline
- if appropriate, complete the necessary forms to enable universities to determine the extent of financial assistance required
- check special funds for which you may be eligible (ie., special women's groups, nationality, etc.)
- learn about potential funding outside the university and if possible locate a personal connection to support your application for these funds

Sources of financial assistance

There are three main sources of financial assistance:

- private sources within New Zealand
- private sources outside New Zealand
- colleges and universities in the US that have scholarships and other forms of financial aid specifically set aside for international students

At the back of this pack there is a list of possible sources of funding. This list will help you get started, but you shouldn't see it as your only source of information.

Please note that you are not able to use New Zealand student loans at overseas universities.

Information about college-based aid

Colleges themselves finance college-based aid. Many sources of college-based financial aid are reserved for citizens or legal permanent residents of the US. Be sure to ask about any restrictions when you apply for admission. Students with outstanding academic records stand a chance of securing full or partial funding simply by applying to very competitive schools and asking for financial aid on the basis of merit.

College-based aid is almost all awarded by the academic year, so it is difficult to receive aid to begin mid-year or in the Northern Hemisphere summer.

Some examples of college-based aid are:

- *Grants and restricted grants*

Grants are outright money (that doesn't have to be repaid) with few or no strings attached. There are usually no work obligations. Most grants are merit-based, but some colleges offer a few grants solely on the basis of financial need.

Some institutions offer restricted grants. Eligibility for these grants depends on specific characteristics (ie, women interested in the Renaissance). Restricted grants may be difficult resources to locate. Some colleges publish a list of all available restricted grants. In other cases, students must do research to locate sources of these funds. You can ask about special fellowships at places such as the women's centre or ethnic associations.

Grants and restricted grants are also available from non-university-based sources (see the list enclosed with this pack).

- *Internships and cooperative education programmes*

Internships and cooperative education programmes integrate classroom studies with on-the-job professional experience. Internships can be arranged either through a college or by the individual directly. However, it's necessary to check course credit and visa requirements with the foreign student adviser. It's also possible to obtain practical training during the programme, or for up to 12 months after completion of the programme.

- *Scholarships (also known as prizes and awards)*

Scholarships are usually based on merit and colleges offer them on a competitive basis. The awards generally cover full or partial tuition costs. Some also include a stipend to cover living expenses. Scholarships are usually for a fixed amount, a specific purpose (i.e. tuition and books) and a set duration (i.e. one to four years). Generally, they don't need to be repaid. Colleges and other funding bodies can stop payment if a student fails to maintain the status for which they awarded the aid.

Scholarships are also available from non-university-based sources (see the list enclosed with this information pack).

- *Tuition and fee waivers*

Some colleges offer a small number of tuition and/or fee waivers to deserving students. Tuition and fee waivers generally cover tuition and fees for one academic year. Some universities may offer to defer payment of tuition until after the student graduates. This is essentially a low-interest loan.

- *Work study*

In work study programmes, students work for non-profit organisations. This may include the university itself. In general, federal funds support work study programmes, although some are supported by state or institutional funds. Work study often consumes valuable hours for low wages. It's important to understand

that you will not be able to pay your living expenses with what you will earn from a work study job.

This guide is based on information from the following organisations and publications:

- Institute for International Education
- Fulbright Commission, Prague, Czech Republic
- *The Advising Quarterly* (an AMIDEAST publication)
- *Practical Research and Planning* by Paul D Leedy
- *The American University: A World Guide* by Gregory A Barnes
- Szabo Ervin Library, Budapest, Hungary
- *The College Application Essay* by Sarah Myers McGinty
- Fulbright Advising Office, Tartu University Library, Estonia
- US-Israel Education Foundation
- Education USA website and adviser resources

Appendix A

Useful web sites for information about higher education in the US

The Internet is one of the best places to find current information about study in the US, whether it's information about specific universities, standardised testing, financial aid, or any other number of topics.

If you have access to the Web, use it! If you don't currently have access, you are most welcome to use the computer at Fulbright New Zealand. Or investigate other ways to get on line - through your university, your local public library, or a friend.

Following is a list of web sites to get you started. From these sites, you can in turn link to hundreds of other relevant sites. Happy surfing!

General information on tertiary study in the US

<http://www.petersons.com>

Home page for Peterson's, one of the largest publishers of education-related material, including the *Peterson's Guides to Graduate Programs* and the *Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges*. Information about all levels of study in the US, careers and jobs, summer programmes, distance learning, financing your education, executive education and much more. Don't miss this site!

<http://www.usnews.com>

Home page for the Colleges and Careers Center run by *US News and World Report*. Contains information on college and graduate programme rankings, test preparation, career options, funding, best value schools, etc.

<http://www.princetonreview.com>

Home page for the Princeton Review, publisher of study guides for standardised admissions tests. Includes information on test schedules, business and law schools, other graduate programmes, undergraduate study, career advice, and information for international students.

<http://www.kaplan.com>

Home page of Kaplan, one of the largest test preparation companies in the US. Information about all levels of education, nursing, financial aid, information for international students, etc.

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Home page for the College Board, the company that administers the SAT exam. Provides college and scholarship search facility, online registration for the SAT, test dates and a financial aid calculator. Aimed at undergraduates.

<http://www.ets.org>

Links to sites with information about the SAT, GRE, GMAT and TOEFL tests. Also has information about financial aid and about different colleges and universities.

<http://www.ulinks.com>

University Links page. Information on and links to college and university home pages, including a search facility.

<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/cc>

Links to information about community colleges (two year post-secondary institutions that offer certificate programmes and Associate of Arts degrees) and related organisations. Searchable collection of links to over 555 community colleges.

<http://www.collegenet.com>

College search, scholarship search, academic resources, online application forms and much more. Aimed at undergraduates.

<http://www.embark.com>

This site offers a powerful college search tool, useful links, and advice and guidance from an expert college panel.

<http://www.collegeview.com>

A free online search service with profiles of over 3,500 colleges and universities, virtual tours, electronic applications, financial aid information and career planning tools.

<http://www.studyusa.com>

The home page for *Study in the USA*, an education guide for international students. Provides access to information about colleges and universities in the US, including request forms for contacting admissions offices. Also has information about obtaining a visa and applying for admission.

<http://www.new2usa.com>

This is a comprehensive site aimed at new arrivals in the United States. It has great articles on study in the US as well as on life in the US in general. You can find information on a wide variety of subjects at this site. It comes highly recommended.

College and university rankings

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/research/rankings/rankings.asp>

Student rankings of colleges grouped by academics, administration, quality of life, politics, demographics, social life, extracurriculars, parties, and schools by type.

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/home.htm>

Take these rankings with a grain of salt as many college and university officials have criticised them for turning college comparisons into a popularity contest.

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm>

A comprehensive site about college rankings – including references to articles about their validity.

Information on athletic scholarships

<http://www.ncaa.org>

The home page for the NCAA. Information for athletes looking into athletic scholarships at US colleges and universities.

<http://sports.espn.go.com/ncaa/index>

ESPN U home page. Useful for athletes trying to find out which schools are doing well in each sport.

Information on art schools

<http://artswire.org>

Website on the arts in general. Has a search engine where you can search for information relating to art education in the U.S.

<http://artschools.com>

A directory of art and design schools including a search engine and links to many schools.

<http://www.a2zcolleges.com/Majors/Dance.html>

Links to universities with dance programmes and dance schools in the U.S.

General information on graduate study in the US

<http://www.gradschools.com>

On-line directory listing graduate programmes by subject.

<http://www.asgs.org>

Home page of the Association for Support of Graduate Students. Find out what issues are important to graduate students in the US. Information about writing theses and dissertations.

Business schools

<http://mba.com>

The homepage for the GMAT with a search tool for business schools.

<http://www.bschool.com>

An alphabetical listing of more than 300 Business School websites from all over the world with a focus on the US.

Law schools

<http://www.lawschool.com>

Information and amusement for law students.

<http://www.ilrg.com/rankings/>

Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Brennan's own rankings of American law schools.

Standardised testing

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Home page for the College Board, the company that administers the SAT exam. Provides college and scholarship search facility, online registration for the SAT, test dates and a financial aid calculator. Aimed at undergraduates.

<http://www.ets.org>

Links to sites with information about the SAT, GRE, GMAT and TOEFL tests. Also has information about financial aid and about different colleges and universities.

<http://www.gre.org>

Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Information about the exam, how to order preparation materials, sample test questions, financial aid, and more.

<http://www.mba.com>

The MBA Explorer web site. Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Find out everything you ever wanted to know about the GMAT exam, order preparation materials, find out about different MBA programmes, the truth about MBA admissions requirements, financial aid, and much more.

<http://www.toefl.org>

Part of the ETS (Educational Testing Service) set of web pages. Contains information about the TOEFL exam, test dates, how to register, practice questions, etc.

<http://www.ecfmg.org>

Home page for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Includes exam dates and deadlines, frequently asked questions, and information about international fellowships in medical education.

<http://www.usmle.org>

USMLE home page. Information about the USMLE exam, frequently asked questions and links to other pertinent sites.

<http://www.cgfns.org>

CGFNS home page. Information about the CGFNS exam as well as information for nurses interested in working in the US.

Financial aid

<http://www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm>

Background about the cost of education at various types of institutions, tips on searching for financial aid and links to external sources of financial aid.

<http://www.fundingusstudy.org/>

A useful search engine for finding funding in the US.

<http://www.finaid.org>

Excellent site about financial aid, including a special section for international students. Bear in mind that 99% of the site has been written for an American audience so some of the information won't be relevant to international students.

<http://www.internationalscholarships.com/>

Premier database of scholarships.

<http://www.nas.edu>

The home page for the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council. The site contains information on careers and research opportunities in the fields of science, medicine, agriculture, engineering, maths, etc. There is also information about graduate fellowships and postdoctoral opportunities.

<http://www.nsf.gov>

Home page of the National Science Foundation. Information about various science fields, as well as information about funding opportunities.

<http://www.neh.gov>

Home page for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Information about funding opportunities.

<http://www.ed.gov>

Home page for the US Department of Education. Information about the education system in the US and about financial aid.

<http://www.studentloan.com>

Low-interest student loans through Citibank. Requires a US citizen or permanent resident as co-signer.

<http://www.iefc.com>

International Education Finance Corporation website. Provides information about low-interest loans for international students in the United States. Requires a US citizen or permanent resident as co-signer.

<http://www.iefc.org>

International Education Financial Aid website. Information about loans and scholarships for international students.

Miscellaneous information on study in the US

<http://www.collegeclub.com>

General site for college students and college bound students.

<http://www.cybercampus.com>

Billed as the "only Internet guide made for college students by college students," this site takes you to areas with labels like "bizarre," "explore," or "road trip."

<http://www.international student.com>

International student and study abroad online portal for those who are looking to further their education overseas.

<http://www.cyberpaperboy.com/COLLEGE.html>

Links to online college and university newspapers. This can be a great way to find out what is happening on certain campuses: what are the issues? what do students think about? what's important to them? Campus newspapers provide insights into schools that you will never get from a catalogue.

<http://www.utexas.edu/world/lecture/>

World Lecture Hall site. This site contains links to pages created by faculty worldwide who are using the Web to deliver class materials. This could be a good place to find out exactly what is being taught in various classes at different universities.

<http://www.ciee.org/>

Council for International Educational Exchange home page. Information about worldwide educational exchange opportunities.

<http://www.aipt.org/>

Home page of the Association for International Practical Training, a non-profit organisation that promotes international understanding between the US and other countries through on-the-job practical training exchanges for students and professionals.

Appendix B

**Sample request for information from an
undergraduate admissions office**

<your name in English>
<your mailing address>
<your city>
<your COUNTRY>

<date>

Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid
<name of university>
<university's mailing address> (exactly as printed in guidebook)

Dear Dr/Mr/Ms <contact name> (if you have one)

or

To whom it may concern: (if you don't have a contact name)

I am writing to request information on the undergraduate program at your <college/university>. I am especially interested in <intended field of study>. I graduated/will graduate from <name of your secondary school> in <month, year> and plan to start college in <month, year>. I am currently ranked in the top <%> amongst my secondary school peers.

Please send me a copy of your catalogue, the appropriate application materials and information about financial aid for international students (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.). Please also let me know if there are any special requirements for international students. I am a <country of citizenship> citizen.

I would appreciate it if you could send any materials **via airmail**. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

<your signature>

<your name>

Appendix C

Sample request for information about transfer admissions

<your name in English>
<your mailing address>
<your city>
<your COUNTRY>

<date>

Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid
<name of university>
<university's mailing address> (exactly as printed in guidebook)

Dear Dr/Mr/Ms <contact name> (if you have one)

or

To whom it may concern: (if you don't have a contact name)

I am writing to request information on the undergraduate programme at your <college/university>. I am especially interested in <intended field of study>. I graduated from <name of your secondary school> in <month, year> and entered <name of your current university> in <month, year>.

I am currently in my <first/second> year of study. I would like to transfer to your university in <month, year> to complete my studies. Please send me a copy of your catalogue, the appropriate application materials and information about financial aid for international students. Please also let me know if there are any special requirements for international students. I am a <country of citizenship> citizen.

I would appreciate it if you could send any materials **via airmail**. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

<your signature>

<your name>

Appendix D

Sample request for information from a private funding source

<your name in English>
<your mailing address>
<your city>
<your COUNTRY>

<date>

<name of contact person (if any)>
<name of organisation>
<organisation's mailing address> (exactly as printed in the guide book)

Dear Mr/Ms <contact name>

OR

To whom it may concern: (if you don't have a contact name)

I'm writing to request information on scholarships offered by your organisation. I <graduated/will graduate> from <name of your secondary school> on <month, year>. I am planning to attend college in the US and I am looking for financial support to enable me to accomplish this goal. I would like to apply for funding from your organisation because <up to 20 sentences about why you want to apply for funding from this organisation>.

If my interests make me eligible for your competition, could you please send me your current information materials and an application form **via airmail** at the above address.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

<your signature>

<your name>

Appendix E

Sample successful essay

This is an actual essay written by Hugh Gallagher in his (successful) application to New York University. Depending on the type of programme you're applying to, you may not want to be quite as "clever" in your essay, but this is a good example of the sort of creativity for which you should be aiming. Remember: it's your job to make yourself interesting to the admissions committee!

3A. Essay

In order for the admissions staff of our college to get to know you, the applicant, better, we ask that you answer the following question:

Are there any significant experiences you have had, or accomplishments you have realised, that have helped to define you as a person?

I am a dynamic figure, often seen scaling walls and crushing ice. I have been known to remodel train stations on my lunch breaks, making them more efficient in the area of heat retention. I translate ethnic slurs for Cuban refugees, I write award-winning operas, I manage time efficiently. Occasionally, I tread water for three days in a row.

I woo women with my sensuous and godlike trombone playing, I can pilot bicycles up severe inclines with unflagging speed, and I cook Thirty-Minute Brownies in twenty minutes. I am an expert in stucco, a veteran in love, and an outlaw in Peru.

Using only a hoe and a large glass of water, I once single-handedly defended a small village in the Amazon Basin from a horde of ferocious army ants. I play bluegrass cello, I was scouted by the Mets, I am the subject of numerous documentaries. When I am bored, I build large suspension bridges in my yard. I enjoy urban hang gliding. On Wednesdays, after school, I repair electrical appliances free of charge.

I am an abstract artist, a concrete analyst, and a ruthless bookie. Critics worldwide swoon over my original line of corduroy evening wear. I don't perspire. I am a private citizen, yet I receive fan mail. I have been caller number nine and have won the weekend passes. Last summer I toured New Jersey with a travelling centrifugal-force demonstration. I bat .400. My deft floral arrangements have earned me fame in international botany circles. Children trust me.

I can hurl tennis rackets at small moving objects with deadly accuracy. I once read Paradise Lost, Moby Dick, and David Copperfield in one day and still had time to refurbish an entire dining room that evening. I know the exact location of every food item in the supermarket. I have performed several covert operations for the CIA. I sleep once a week; when I do sleep, I sleep in a chair. While on vacation in Canada, I successfully negotiated with a couple of terrorists who had seized a small bakery. The laws of physics do not apply to me.

I balance, I weave, I dodge, I frolic, and my bills are all paid. On weekends, to let off steam, I participate in full-contact origami. Years ago I discovered the meaning of life, but forgot to write it down. I have made extraordinary four course meals using only a mouli and a toaster oven. I breed prizewinning clams. I have won bullfights in San Juan, cliff-diving competitions in Sri Lanka, and spelling bees at the Kremlin. I have played Hamlet, I have performed open-heart surgery, and I have spoken with Elvis.

But I have not yet gone to college.

Appendix F

Cost of living in different parts of the US in 2010/2011

The following monthly maintenance rates are in US dollars and are for single students. If you will be accompanied by dependants, multiply the monthly maintenance rates by 1.5 for one dependant, by 1.7 for two dependants, or by 1.9 for three dependants.

Alabama
Birmingham \$1200

Alaska
Anchorage \$1505

Arizona
Tucson \$1215

Arkansas
Fayetteville \$1200

California
Berkeley \$1800
Los Angeles \$1915
San Francisco \$1945

Colorado
Boulder \$1310
Colorado Springs \$1310

Connecticut
New Haven \$1615

Delaware
Newark \$1310

District of Columbia
Washington, DC \$1665

Florida
Gainesville \$1200
Miami \$1785

Georgia
Athens \$1200
Atlanta \$1345

Hawaii
Honolulu \$1850

Idaho	
Boise	\$1215
Illinois	
Champaign	\$1160
Chicago	\$1690
Indiana	
South Bend	\$1160
Iowa	
Iowa City	\$1160
Ames	\$1160
Kansas	
Lawrence	\$1160
Kentucky	
Lexington	\$1200
Louisiana	
New Orleans	\$1300
Lafayette	\$1200
Maine	
Orono	\$1310
Maryland	
College Park	\$1625
Massachusetts	
Amherst	\$1615
Boston/Cambridge	\$2065
Michigan	
Ann Arbor	\$1375
Kalamazoo	\$1160
Minnesota	
Minneapolis	\$1440
Duluth	\$1160
Mississippi	
Jackson	\$1200
Missouri	
St. Louis	\$1160
Columbia	\$1160

Montana	
Bozeman	\$1215
Nebraska	
Omaha	\$1160
Nevada	
Las Vegas	\$1215
New Hampshire	
Durham	\$1310
New Jersey	
Princeton	\$1735
New York	
Ithaca	\$1310
New York City	\$1805
Stony Brook	\$1805
North Carolina	
Charlotte	\$1200
Durham	\$1240
North Dakota	
Grand Forks	\$1160
Ohio	
Cincinnati	\$1160
Cleveland	\$1225
Columbus	\$1160
Oklahoma	
Oklahoma City	\$1200
Oregon	
Portland	\$1415
Corvallis	\$1215
Pennsylvania	
Philadelphia	\$1480
Pittsburgh	\$1200
Clarion	\$1310
Rhode Island	
Providence	\$1615
South Carolina	
Columbia	\$1200

South Dakota

Rapid City \$1160

Tennessee

Nashville \$1200

Texas

Austin \$1260

Dallas \$1320

San Antonio \$1200

Utah

Salt Lake City \$1215

Vermont

Burlington \$1310

Virginia

Charlottesville \$1200

Fairfax \$1665

Washington

Seattle \$1400

Spokane \$1215

West Virginia

Morgantown \$1200

Wisconsin

Madison \$1160

Milwaukee \$1160

Appendix G

Where will your SAT scores take you?

Below is a list of average SAT scores for incoming students to a variety of schools. Only use this list as a guide. Remember, colleges and universities consider your SAT scores when making admissions decisions but the weight they give them compared to the other components of your application varies from school to school. Don't depend solely on getting high SAT scores. Concentrate on your grades, extracurricular activities, and taking a varied and intensive course load.

average SAT scores, incoming students

College	Math	Verbal
American University	579	604
Amherst College	706	698
Arizona State Univ.	544	540
Arizona, Univ. of	532	463
Auburn University	574	569
Barnard College	640	660
Bennington College	572	609
Boston College	645	625
Boston Conservatory	483	460
Boston University	630	631
Brandeis University	650	650
Brown University	680	620
Bryn Mawr College	620	660
Bucknell University	630	615
California Institute of Tech.	767	725
California-Berkeley, U. of	632	664
California-Davis, U. of	601	565
California-Irvine, U. of	585	520
California-L.A., U. of	633	603
California-Riverside, U. of	547	562
California-San Diego, U. of	632	593
California-Santa Barbara, U. of	569	549
California-Santa Cruz, U. of	565	570
Carnegie Mellon University	688	641
Chicago, University of	685	690
Colgate University	644	637
Colorado College	630	630
Colorado-Boulder, U. of	590	505
Columbia University	680	620
Connecticut, U. of	559	553
Cornell University	685	650
Dartmouth College	711	704
DePaul University	554	511
Duke University	700	685

Earlham College	557	554	
Eastman School of Music	650	600	
Emory University	650	570	
Eugene Lang College	550	610	
Florida State University	571	576	
Florida, Univ. of	630	615	
Fordham University	558	583	
George Washington Univ.	600	610	
Georgetown University	660	670	
Georgia, Univ. of	590	599	
Gonzaga University	585	596	
Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges	740	745	
Haverford College	675	680	
Hofstra University	535	535	
Indiana University	530	466	
Iowa, University of	580	570	
Johns Hopkins University	690	660	
Lewis and Clarke College	610	625	
Loyola Marymount Univ.	554	552	
Maine, University of	540	540	
Marquette University	580	571	
Maryland, College Park	605	590	
M. I. T.	755	700	
Massachusetts-Amherst, U. of	560	556	
Miami, Univ. of	570	560	
Michigan State Univ.	550	540	
Michigan-Ann Arbor, U. of	645	610	
Middlebury College	680	690	
Mount Holyoke College	601	639	
New York University	640	645	
North Carolina-Chapel Hill	611	610	
Northwestern University	679	665	
Occidental College	590	588	
Ohio State University	565	560	
Parsons School of Design	520	530	
Pennsylvania, Univ. of	680	594	
Pepperdine University	650	650	
Pomona College	703	702	
Princeton University	725	725	
Providence College	571	576	
Redlands, University of		544	546
Reed College	645		673
Rhode Island School of Design	500		510

Rochester Institute of Tech.	590	575	
Rutgers University	602	584	
Saint John's College (MD)	605	660	
Saint John's College (NM)	600	670	
Saint Lawrence University	575	510	
Santa Clara University	590	575	
Sarah Lawrence College	570	610	
School of the Art Inst. Chicago	NA	500	
Smith College	630	670	
Stanford University	709	703	
State U. of NY-Stony Brook	560	520	
Swarthmore College	673	689	
Syracuse University	590	580	
Temple University	492	500	
Texas-Austin, Univ. of	620	601	
Tufts University	665	645	
Tulane University		622	635
Vermont, Univ. of		565	564
Virginia Tech	585	565	
Virginia, Univ. of	653	643	
Wake Forest University	645	660	
Washington and Lee Univ.	670	685	
Washington Univ. in St. Louis	665	635	
Wellesley College	651	673	
Wesleyan University	660	670	
West Virginia University	515	516	
Williams College	705	710	
Wisconsin-Madison, U. of	620	610	
Yale University	720	730	

Funding for undergraduate study in the United States

Following are three lists of possible sources of funding:

- private sources available from within New Zealand
- private sources available from outside New Zealand
- colleges and universities in the US that have scholarships and other forms of financial aid specifically set aside for international students

For more details on any of these awards, please use the contact details given (note staff members often change so ask for the person that handles the scholarship in question if the person on this list of contacts is no longer available). Be sure to check all eligibility requirements with the funding providers. Many of the universities listed will have other aid that is available to both international and domestic students, so if you make an inquiry be sure to ask for information about all forms of aid for which you are eligible.

These lists are by no means exhaustive. In the case of the private sources of funding available from outside New Zealand, there are other possible sources which you will need to spend time researching. You can do this through the Internet, through your nearest university library, or through the library at Fulbright New Zealand. If you are interested in attending a college or university that is not shown on the following list, don't assume that they don't have financial aid just because they aren't listed here. Please contact them directly to inquire about whether they have financial aid available for international students, or look up the college in *The College Handbook Foreign Student Supplement* (available at some university libraries and in the library at Fulbright New Zealand).

Unless otherwise specified, the grants, fellowships, scholarships, etc. listed below are available to students in any field of study. Most financial assistance is awarded on the basis of academic merit, regardless of demonstrated need. However, some awards take financial need into account as well, and this has been noted where appropriate.

It is sometimes the case that financial assistance is not available until after at least one semester of enrolment at a college or university. This means that finding financial aid for your first year of study can be more challenging than in subsequent years.

Private sources in New Zealand

- *Alex Lindsay Memorial Award*
general information: to provide financial aid to young students and performers of an orchestral instrument whose intention it is to take up a career in symphonic music.
deadline: 31 October
contact: The Secretary, NZ Symphony Orchestra, P O Box 6640, Te Aro, Wellington, phone (04) 385 1735

- Dame Catherine Tizard Scholarships*
 general information: to enable women to undertake tertiary research which has a strategic or governance focus and is of value to local government as a whole.
 deadline: 30 September
 contact: Director, Local & Regional Govt Group, Centre for Research in Public Management, School of Business & Economics, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92-019, Auckland, phone (09) 373 7599, fax (09) 308 2329, email bt.anderson@auckland.ac.nz
- Margaret Watling Scholarship*
 general information: assistance to students to either undertake further study, or to obtain practical experience in amenity horticulture, nursery management or any other closely allied field in the UK, USA or Canada.
 deadline: 31 March
 contact: Scholarships Officer, Lincoln University, P O Box 94, Lincoln University, Canterbury, phone (03) 325 2811 ext 8582, fax (03) 325 3850, email tebbutt@lincoln.ac.nz
- Phyllis Augusta Rolfes Scholarship Fund*
 general information: assistance for New Zealand citizens aged between 18 and 30 who attended a school or schools in Kaikoura for at least five years, to study overseas.
 deadline: 30 September
 contact: P. A. Rolfes Scholarship Fund, Public Trust Office - Christchurch, P O Box 1474, Christchurch, phone (03) 364 7200, fax (03) 364 7201
- Rachel Bennett Arts Foundation*
 general information: financial assistance for promising young artists at the beginning of their careers. Applicants must be under 25 and be studying visual or performing arts.
 deadline: 1 April
 contact: Robert and Jane Bennett, 33 Epuni Street, Aro Valley, Wellington, phone (04) 385 8548
- Rotary Club of Terrace End Memorial Educational Trust*
 general information: to encourage, foster and develop educational opportunities for young people under the age of 25 and who reside in Rotary District 9440. Applicants must live within the Wellington and Taranaki Provinces.
 deadline: 29 August
 contact: Secretary, Rotary Club of Terrace End, 14 Galway Avenue, Palmerston North, phone (06) 358 2221
- Rotary Foundation Scholarships*
 general information: for students in any field of study. Expressions of interest must be made between 1 January and 1 March each year for study in the following year. Inquiries outside this time may not be answered.
 contact: your local Rotary chapter (see your local phone book)

- *Roy Watling Mitchell Bursaries*
 general information: To assist Maaori students from Auckland or Northland undertake tertiary study in New Zealand or overseas. Selection based on academic achievement.
 deadline: 31 January
 contact: The Scholarships Officer, Maori Education Trust, P O Box 3745, Wellington, phone (04) 801 8041, fax (04) 801 8046
- *Tainui Sport Scholarship*
 general information: for students who are registered on the Tainui Trust Board's Roll of Beneficiaries and candidates must be enrolled in a New Zealand Tertiary Institution or in a compatible overseas Institution.
 deadline: 3 March
 contact: The Acting Board Secretary, Tainui Maaori Trust Board, Private Bag 542, Te Rapa, Ngaruawahia, phone (07) 824 8689, fax (07) 824 5133

Private sources outside New Zealand

- *ADHA Institute for Oral Health/Proctor and Gamble Oral Health Scholarship Program*
 general information: for first-year dental hygiene students
 deadline: 15 June
 contact: Proctor and Gamble Oral Health, ADHA Institute Scholarship Program, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611, phone (312) 440 8900
- *ADHA Institute for Oral Health Scholarship Program*
 general information: for dental hygiene students who have completed at least one year of study
 deadline: 1 June
 contact: ADHA Institute Scholarship Program, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611, phone (312) 440 8900
- *American Institute for Architects*
 general information: AIA/AAF Scholarship Program for Professional Degree Candidates for students currently in the third or fourth year of a five-year program that results in a BArch or equivalent. All candidates must be students at schools accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. Each school must screen its students to select those who will receive an application. Awards will be based on a statement of goals, strong academic performance, recommendations, and need.
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: American Architectural Foundation Scholarship Programs, 1735 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20006
- *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Mary A Gardner Scholarship*
 general information: for students majoring in journalism who have completed at least two years of study with a minimum 3.0 GPA
 contact: Jennifer McGill, AEJMC, 1621 College Street, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208-0251
- *Bedding Plants Foundation Harold Bettinger Memorial Scholarship*

general information: for horticulture students with a business/marketing emphasis or business/marketing students with a horticulture emphasis

deadline: 1 April

contact: Bedding Plants Foundation, Inc, P O Box 27241, Lansing, MI 48909, phone (517) 694 8537, fax (517) 694 8560

- *Bedding Plants Foundation Jerry Baker College Freshman Scholarships*
general information: for first-year students who are interested in horticulture, landscaping or gardening
deadline: 1 April
contact: Bedding Plants Foundation, Inc, P O Box 27241, Lansing, MI 48909, phone (517) 694 8537, fax (517) 694 8560
- *Bedding Plants Foundation Jerry Wilmot Scholarship*
general information: for business/finance or horticulture majors interested in garden centre management
deadline: 1 April
contact: Bedding Plants Foundation, Inc, P O Box 27241, Lansing, MI 48909, phone (517) 694 8537, fax (517) 694 8560
- *Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association Undergraduate Scholarships*
general information: for students in the foodservice/hospitality field. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, completed 1 year of a degree and have 1,000 hours experience in the industry.
deadline: 1 March
contact: Educational Foundation, National Restaurant Association, 250 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1440, Chicago, IL 60606-5834
- *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grants*
general information: for students studying art, drawing, printmaking, or sculpture at an established art school. Work must be representational or figurative.
deadline: rolling
contact: Micheline Leduc, Administrator, Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, 1814 Sherbrooke West, Suite #1, Montreal, Quebec H3H 1E4, Canada
- *Entomological Society of America Scholarship*
general information: for students studying entomology
deadline: 31 May
contact: Education Committee, Entomological Society of America, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706-3115, phone (301) 731 4538
- *Entomological Society of America Iselin Undergraduate Scholarship*
general information: for students studying entomology
deadline: 31 May
contact: Education Committee, Entomological Society of America, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706-3115, phone (301) 731 4538
- *Institute of Food Technologists Scholarships*
general information: merit-based scholarship for students studying food science/technology
deadline: 1 March

contact: Scholarship Department, Institute of Food Technologists, 221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60601-1291, phone (312) 782 8424, fax (312) 782 8348

- *Kappa Kappa Gamma Scholarships and Fellowships (women only)*
general information: scholarships in a variety of fields for members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Recipient must continue to study at institution where she became a member.
deadline: 1 February
contact: KKG Foundation, P O Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038, phone (614) 228 6515
- *National Right to Work Committee William B Ruggles Journalism Scholarship*
general information: for journalism/mass communications majors with a demonstrated understanding of voluntarism and of problems of compulsory unionism
deadline: 31 March
contact: Linda Staulcup, National Right to Work Committee, 8001 Braddock Road, Springfield, VA 22160, phone (703) 321 9820
- *Society for Imaging Science and Technology*
general information: to recognise achievement and encourage study in the field of imaging science and technology
deadline: 15 December
contact: Amy Abbott, Customer Service Representative, Society for Imaging Science and Technology, 7003 Kilworth Lane, Springfield, VA 22151, phone (703) 642 9090, fax (703) 642 9094, email imagesoc@us.net
- *Society of Exploration Geophysicists Education Foundation Scholarships*
general information: to award scholarships to persons interested in pursuing a career in exploration geophysics
deadline: 1 March
contact: SEG Foundation Scholarship Program, P O Box 702740, Tulsa, OK 74170-2740, phone (918) 497 5530, fax (918) 497 5558
- *Society of Women Engineers Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Memorial Scholarships (women only)*
general information: for first-year students entering the field of engineering or computer science
deadline: 15 May
contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Anne Maureen Whitney Barrow Memorial Scholarship (women only)*
general information: for first-year students entering the field of engineering or engineering technology
deadline: 15 May
contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224

- *Society of Women Engineers Chevron Scholarships* (women only)
 general information: for second and third year students majoring in chemical, mechanical or petroleum engineering
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Chrysler Corporation Scholarship* (women only)
 general information: for students in at least their second year majoring in engineering or computer science
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers General Motors Foundation Scholarships* (women only)
 general information: for third year students majoring in engineering or an allied field who can demonstrate leadership in student organisations. Applicants must exhibit a career interest in the automotive industry and/or the manufacturing environment.
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers GTE Foundation Scholarships* (women only)
 general information: for third and fourth year students majoring in electrical engineering or computer science
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Hewlett-Packard Scholarships* (women only)
 general information: for third and fourth year students majoring in electrical engineering or computer science who are active supporters of and contributors to SWE
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Ivy Parker Memorial Scholarship* (women only)
 general information: for third and fourth year students majoring in engineering
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Judith Resnick Memorial Scholarship* (women only)
 general information: for engineering students with a space-related major intending to pursue a career in the space industry
 deadline: 1 February
 contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers Lillian Moller Gilbreth Scholarship* (women only)
 general information: for third or fourth year students majoring in engineering

deadline: 15 May

contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224

- *Society of Women Engineers Microsoft Corporation Scholarships* (women only)
general information: for students pursuing a degree in computer science or computer engineering who exhibit a career interest in the field of microcomputer software
deadline: 1 February
contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers MASWE Memorial Scholarships* (women only)
general information: for students in at least the second year of a degree programme in engineering
deadline: 1 February
contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Society of Women Engineers TRW Scholarship* (women only)
general information: for first-year students planning to major in engineering
deadline: 15 May
contact: Society of Women Engineers, 120 Wall Street. 11th Floor, New York, NY 10005-3902, phone (212) 509 9577, fax (212) 509 0224
- *Textile Institute Scholarships*
general information: to assist students to study full-time or part-time for a textile degree in technology or design
deadline: late July
contact: Qualifications Officer, Textile Institute, 10 Blackfriars Street, Manchester M# 5DR, United Kingdom, phone 44 161 834 8457, fax 44 161 835 3087
- *Unitarian Universalist Association Pauly D'Orlando Memorial Art Scholarship*
general information: for art students enrolling in accredited art schools. Applicants must be a member in good standing of a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, or be sponsored by a member.
deadline: 31 March
contact: Jacqui James, Director, Worship and Diversity Resources, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, phone (617) 742 2100 x460, fax (617) 523 4123
- *Universities Federation for Animal Welfare Grants*
general information: for improvements to the welfare of animals
deadline: none given
contact: Secretary, UFAW, 8 Hamilton Close, South Mimms, Potters Bar EN6 3QD, United Kingdom, phone 44 1 707 658 202, fax 44 1 707 649 279

Colleges and universities that offer financial assistance to international students

- *Abilene Christian University*
general information: partial academic scholarships for first year students with good SAT scores. Also offer performance scholarships for music, theatre and athletics.
contact: Ted Presley, Jr, Director International Division, Abilene Christian University, ACU Box 8197, Abilene, TX 79699, phone (915) 674 2258, fax (915) 674 2966, email presleyt@nicanor.acu.edu
- *Albion College*
general information: academic scholarship
contact: Daniel Meyer, Vice President, Enrollment, Albion College, 611 East Michigan, Albion, MI 48224, phone (517) 629 0600, fax (517) 629 0505, email dmeyer@albion.edu
- *Albright College*
general information: need-based scholarship
contact: Jennifer Hendricks, Associate Director, Albright College, 13th & Bern Streets, P O Box 15234, Reading, PA 19612-5234, phone (610) 921 7512, fax (610) 921 7530, email albright@joe.alb.edu
- *Anderson University*
general information: scholarship
contact: Greta Reames, Adviser, International Students, Anderson University, 1100 East Fifth Street, Anderson, IN 46012, phone (317) 641 4074, fax (317) 641 3851, email gireames@anderson.edu
- *Angelo State University*
general information: merit-based Robert G and Nona K Carr Scholarships and other special scholarship programs
contact: Carr Academic Scholarship Program, Angelo State University, P O Box 11007-C ASU Station, San Angelo, TX 76904-9975, phone (915) 942 2103, fax (915) 942 2038
- *Antioch College*
general information: scholarship for one academic year
contact: Linda Sikes or Judy Kintner, Assistant Directors of Admissions, phone (513) 767 6400, fax (513) 767 6473, email admissions@antioch.antioch.edu
- *Aquinas College*
general information: partial tuition scholarship
contact: International Admissions, Aquinas College, 1607 Robinson Road SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1799, phone (616) 732 4460, fax (616) 732 4435
- *Ashland University*
general information: merit-based Presidential Scholarship
contact: Thomas Koop, Director International Student Services, Ashland University, 401 College Avenue, Ashland, OH 44805, phone (419) 289 5068, fax (419) 289 5989, email iss@ashland.edu
- *Berkeley College*
general information: need-based scholarship

contact: Cynthia Marchese Hebron, International Division, Berkeley College, 3 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017, phone (212) 687 3730, fax (212) 697 3371

- *Bethany College*
general information: academic scholarships, leadership/achievement awards, disciples awards, grants
contact: Admissions Office, Bethany College, Bethany, WV 26032, phone (304) 829 7611, fax (304) 829 7108, email c.schlingmann@mail.bethany.wvnet.edu
- *Bloomsburg University*
general information: scholarships
contact: Dr Madhav Sharma, Director, International Education Office, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA 17815, phone/fax (717) 389 4830, email shar@planetx.bloomu.edu
- *Bowdoin College*
general information: combination of grant, loan and work study
contact: Karen Guttentag, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Bowdoin College, Office of Admissions, Brunswick, ME 04011, phone (207) 725 3100, fax (207) 725 3101
- *Brandeis University*
general information: Wein International Scholarship Program for students with a record of outstanding scholarly achievement and academic excellence in their home country. Applicants should be eligible to enter at the second or third year level, having completed advanced secondary work or university work at home. They must intend to return to their home country upon completion of their studies in the US.
contact: Susan Mack, Director, International Students and Scholars Office, Brandeis University, P O Box 9110, Waltham, MA 02254-9110, phone (617) 736 3480, fax (617) 736 3484
- *Bryant College*
general information: scholarships
contact: Bryant College, Smithfield, RI 02917-1287
- *California State University, Fresno*
general information: need-based scholarship
contact: Dr Peter Klassen, Director, International Programs, California State University, 5150 North Maple, Fresno, CA 93740-0056, phone (209) 278 6482, fax (209) 278 6482, email peterk@zimmer.csufresno.edu
- *California State University, Northridge*
general information: merit-based awards
contact: Lili Vidal, California State University, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8307, phone (818) 885 4907, fax (818) 407 7887, email lvidal@email.csun.edu
- *Carlow College*
general information: need-based scholarship
contact: Dr John Nesgoda, Director, ISC, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, phone (412) 578 6010, fax (412) 578 8722

- *Central Methodist College*
 general information: merit-based scholarship
 contact: Robert McNeill, Director, International, Central Methodist College, 411 Central Methodist Square, Fayette, MO 65248, phone (816) 248 3391 x243, fax (816) 248 1872
- *Central Oregon Community College*
 general information: partial tuition waivers
 contact: Christine Kerlin, Central Oregon Community College, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, OR 97709-1775, phone (541) 383 7500, fax (541) 383 7506, email welcome@metolius.cocc.edu
- *Chatham College* (women only)
 general information: merit and need-based scholarships
 contact: Lisa Krieg, International Admissions Counsellor, Chatham College, Mellon Center, Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, phone (412) 365 1825, fax (412) 365 1609, email admissions@chatham.edu
- *Citrus College*
 general information: need-based scholarship for students who have attended Citrus College for at least one semester
 contact: Denise Kinsella, Director, ISO, Citrus College, 1000 W Foothill Boulevard, Glendora, CA 91741-1899, phone (818) 914 8548, fax (818) 963 4854
- *Clarion University of Pennsylvania*
 general information: tuition waiver for students with demonstrated financial need and satisfactory academic achievement. Must be willing to participate in international education activities.
 contact: Linda Heineman, Foreign Student Adviser, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Office of International Programs, 174 Carlson, Clarion, PA 16214, phone (814) 226 2340, fax (814) 226 2341, email heineman@vaxa.clarion.edu
- *Clark University*
 general information: scholarship
 contact: Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610-1477, phone (508) 793 7431, fax (508) 793 8821, email ceaston@vax.clarku.edu
- *Clarkson University*
 general information: scholarship
 contact: Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Clarkson University, Box 5605, Potsdam, NY 13699-5605, fax (315) 268 7647, email ciep@darius.clarkson.edu
- *Coe College*
 general information: scholarship
 contact: Pat Campbell Cook, International Admissions, Coe College, 1220 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, phone (319) 399 8500, fax (319) 399 8816, email pcook@coe.edu

- *College of St Benedict*
general information: Regents', Trustees', President's, Dean's scholarships
contact: Roger Young, Director, International Student Admission, College of St Benedict, Collegetown, MN 56321-7155, phone (612) 245 6467, fax (612) 363 3206, email ryoung@csb.sju.edu
- *College of St. Catherine (women only)*
general information: need-based scholarship
contact: June Noronha, Associate Dean, College of St Catherine, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St Paul, MN 55105, phone (612) 690 6784, fax (612) 690 6024
- *College of St. Elizabeth (women only)*
general information: scholarships
contact: Donna Yamanis, Dean of Admission, College of St Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ 07960, phone (201) 605 7700, fax (201) 605 7070, email yamanis@liza.st-elizabeth.edu
- *College of St. Scholastica*
general information: need-based scholarships
contact: Joan Goosens, College of St Scholastica, 1200 Kenwood Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811, phone (218) 723 6046, (218) 723 5991, email admissions@stfl.css.edu
- *Colorado College*
general information: need-based scholarships
contact: Robert Killion, Coordinator of International Admissions, Colorado College, 14 E. Cache La Poudre Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, phone (719) 389 6345, fax (719) 389 6816, email rkillion@admin.cc.colorado.edu
- *Cornell University*
general information: need-based combination of loans, work and grants
contact: Undergraduate Admissions Office, 410 Thurston Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850-2488, phone (607) 255 5241,
- *Creighton University*
general information: academic scholarships for first year students
contact: Dr David Higginson, Office of International Programs, Creighton University Administration Building #437, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178, email davidh@bluejay.creighton.edu
- *Denison University*
general information: partial tuition scholarship for first year and transfer students
contact: Sarah Leavell, Coordinator of International Admissions, Denison University, Box H, Granville, OH 43023, phone (614) 587 6789, fax (614) 587 6306, email leavell@erma.cc.denison.edu
- *Drake University*
general information: merit-based Achievement and Presidential Awards and grants
contact: Gretchen Olson, Director, International Programs and Services, Drake University, 2507 University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50311, phone (515) 271 2084, fax (515) 271 4588, email go5521@acad.drake.edu
- *Duquesne University*

general information: Libermann Scholarships
contact: Thomas Hassett, Director, International Affairs, Duquesne University,
601 Duquesne Union, Pittsburgh, PA 15282-1606, phone (412) 396-6113, fax
(412) 396-5178, email oia@duq2.cc.duq.edu

- *Earlham College*
general information: partial financial aid awards
contact: Mike Oligmueller, Dean of Admissions, Earlham College, Drawer 192,
Richmond, IN 47374-4095, fax (317) 983 1560, e-mail admission@earlham.edu
- *East Stroudsburg University*
general information: need-based tuition waiver
contact: Bo Keppel, Director, Programs for Academic Support, East Stroudsburg
University, East Stroudsburg, PA 18304, phone (717) 422 3470, fax (717) 422
3777, email bokeppel@esu.edu
- *Emerson College*
general information: Dean's and Trustee's Scholarship
contact: Wildolfo Arvelo, Emerson College, 100 Beacon Street, Boston MA
02116, phone (617) 578 8600, fax (617) 578 8609, email warvelo@emerson.edu
- *Emmanuel College*
general information: International Presidential Scholarships which are awarded
on the basis of the student's academic accomplishments and financial need.
International Women in Education Scholarships which are awarded to first year
students on the basis of the student's academic accomplishments and financial
need.
contact: Emmanuel College, Office for International Programs/Financial Aid
Office, 400 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115, phone (617) 735-9715, fax: (617)
735-9801, email enroll@emmanuel.edu
- *Florida Institute of Technology*
general information: Merit, Academic Achievement, Faculty and Presidential
Scholarships
contact: Judi Marino, Dean, International Admissions, Florida Institute of
Technology, 150 West University Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32901, phone (407)
768 8000 x8030, fax (407) 723 9468
- *Fordham University*
general information: need-based scholarship for first-year students
contact: John Buckley, Director of Admissions, Fordham University, 441 E
Fordham Road, Dealy 115, Bronx, NY 10458, phone (718) 817 4000, fax (718)
367 9404
- *Franklin Pierce College*
general information: need and merit-based grants/scholarships
contact: Admissions, Franklin Pierce College, P O Box 60, Rindge, NH 03461-
0060, phone (603) 899 4050, fax (603) 899 4372

- *Georgia College*
general information: International Student Scholarship
contact: Maggie Stoner, International Student Advisor, Georgia College, CBX 49, Milledgeville, GA 31061, phone (912) 453 4789, fax (912) 454 2623, email mstoner@mail.gac.peachnet.edu
- *Goldey-Beacom College*
general information: International Board of Counselors Scholarship for international students entering an associate or bachelor's degree program at the college who are nominated by a member of the college's International Board of Counselors. Also, athletic scholarships for male athletes excelling in soccer and female athletes excelling in softball.
contact: Luba Carlson, Coordinator, International Development, Goldey-Beacom College, 4701 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808
- *Goshen College*
general information: need-based grant
contact: Carl Barnett, International Grants, Goshen College, 1700 South Main Street, Goshen, IN 46526, phone (219) 535 7472, fax (219) 535 7609, email carleb@goshen.edu
- *Graceland College*
general information: merit-based award
contact: Mike Kenney, International Admissions, Admissions Office, Graceland College, 700 College Avenue, Lamoni, IA 50140, phone (515) 784 5196, fax (515) 784 5480
- *Grinnell College*
general information: need-based aid
contact: Nancy Maly, Associate Director of Admission and Coordinator of International Admission, 105 Tuxford Terrace, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, phone (908) 903 0552, fax (908) 580 9381
- *Gustavus Adolphus College*
general information: partial tuition scholarship based on both merit and need
contact: Marianne Keswani, International Student Coordinator, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 West College Avenue, St Peter, MN 56082, phone (507) 933 7545, fax (507) 933 6277, email keswani@gac.edu
- *Hampshire College*
general information: need and merit-based scholarships
contact: Karen Parker, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA 01002, phone (413) 582 5471, e-mail ksp@admin.hampshire.edu
- *Hesston College*
general information: need-based grant
contact: David Osborne, Director, International Admissions, Hesston College, P O Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062, phone (316) 327 8222, fax (316) 327 8300
- *Hiram College*

general information: merit-based scholarship
contact: Jeanne Cebulla, Hiram College, P O Box 67, Hiram, OH 44234, phone (216) 569 5160, fax (216) 569 5381, email internal@hiram.edu

- *Hood College*
general information: scholarship
contact: Carol Kawecki, Coordinator, International Admissions, Hood College, 401 Rosemount Avenue, Frederick, MD 21701-8575, phone (301) 696 3400, fax (301) 696 3819, email ckawecki@hood.nimue.edu
- *Indiana University Bloomington*
general information: merit scholarships
contact: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, email intladm@indiana.edu
- *Indiana Wesleyan University*
general information: for students who have completed two full semesters at Indiana Wesleyan
contact: Kim Sauder, International Student Adviser, Indiana Wesleyan University, 4201 S Washington Street, Marion, IN 46953-4999, phone (317) 677 2254, fax (317) 677 2140, email ksauder@indwes.edu
- *International Fine Arts College*
general information: merit-based scholarship
contact: Elsia Suarez, Director of Admissions, International Fine Arts College, 1737 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132, phone (305) 995 4684, fax (305) 374 7946
- *Juniata College*
general information: grant
contact: Brett Basom, Counsellor, International Enrollment, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA 16652, phone (814) 641 3427, fax (814) 641 3100, email brettb@juncol.juniata.edu
- *Kalamazoo College*
general information: scholarships
contact: Dr Michael Vande Berg, Center for International Programs, Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo MI 49006, phone (616) 337 7133, fax (616) 337 7400, email cip@kzoo.edu
- *Knox College*
general information: scholarships
contact: Corine Andersen, Assistant Director of Admissions, Knox College, Box 148, Galesburg, IL 61401, fax (309) 341 7070, email canderse@knox.edu
- *Louisiana State University*
general information: scholarships/awards for International Applicants to LSU
contact: Erin L. Schmidt, Director, International Services Office, phone (504) 388 3191, fax (504) 388 1413, email isoels@lsuvm.sncc.lsu.edu
- *Longy School*
general information: scholarship for music study at the Longy School
contact: Victor Rosenbaum, Director, Longy School, 1 Follen Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, phone (617) 876 0956 x123, fax (617) 876 9326

- *Manchester College*
general information: scholarship
deadline: rolling
contact: David McFadden, Vice President, Enrollment Management, Manchester College, 600 East College Avenue, North Manchester, IN 46962, phone (219) 982 5055, fax (219) 982 6868, email dfm@mancehster.edu
- *Manhattan School of Music*
general information: MSM scholarship and President's Award. Applicants must audition and complete financial aid and scholarship application materials
contact: Amy Anderson, Director, Financial Aid, Manhattan School of Music, 120 Claremont Avenue, New York, NY 10027, phone (212) 749 2802, fax (212) 749 5471
- *Mars Hill College*
general information: scholarships
contact: Rick Hinshaw, Dean of Admissions, Mars Hill College, P O Box 370, Mars Hill, NC 28754
- *Mary Baldwin College (women only)*
general information: Baldwin Scholarship
contact: Mary Baldwin College, fax (540) 886 6634, email jmetraux@cit.mbc.edu
- *Maryville College*
general information: scholarships
contact: Kelly Franklin, Maryville College, 502 El Alexander, Maryville, TN 37804, phone (615) 981 8183, fax (615) 983 0581, email franklin@utkvx.utr.edu
- *Maryville University of St Louis*
general information: Presidential Achievement Scholarship, Trustee Achievement Scholarships, and Alumni Achievement Scholarships
contact: Maryville University of St Louis, University Scholars Selection Committee, 13550 Conway Road, St Louis, MO 63141, email intl@maryville.edu
- *Memphis College of Art*
general information: for tuition assistance
contact: Susan Miller, Director of Admissions, Memphis College of Art, 1930 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104, phone (901) 726 4085, fax (901) 726 9371
- *Menlo College*
general information: President's Scholarship and Dean's Scholarship, both of which are awarded to first year and transfer students based on merit. Leadership and Service Grant for first year students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and the ability to make a significant contribution to Menlo College. Transfer Student Award for transfer students who have completed 60 or more transfer units
contact: Danielle Gasper, Menlo College, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton, CA 94027, phone (415) 688 3753, fax (415) 617 2395, email dgasper@menlo.edu
- *Merced College*
general information: semester tuition waivers for international students who have financial need and high academic standing
contact: Jerry Schaffer, Merced College, 3600 M Street, Merced, CA 95348, phone (209) 384 6229, fax (209) 384 6285

- *Miami University* (in Ohio)
 general information: need-based tuition and fee waivers
 deadline: 1 March
 contact: Michell Creech, International Programs, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, phone (513) 529 2512, fax (513) 529 7383, email mjcreech@miamiu.edu
- *Michigan State University*
 general information: merit-based Global Spartan Scholarships
 contact: Jane Burnett, Assistant Dean, International Admissions, 250 Hannah Administration Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, phone (517) 355 0333, fax (517) 353 1647, email adm1N@msu.edu
- *Mississippi University for Women*
 general information: merit scholarships
 contact: Leonid Rachman, International Program Coordinator, Mississippi University for Women, Office of Admissions, Eudora Welty Hall, P O Box W-1613, phone (601) 329 7106
- *Monmouth University*
 general information: scholarships
 contact: James Wrightsman, Director, International Admissions, Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch, NJ 07764, phone (908) 571 7515, fax (908) 571 3629, email jwrights@mondec.monmouth.edu
- *Monterey Institute of International Studies*
 general information: scholarships for students who have completed two years of undergraduate study and are transferring to Monterey Institute's upper-division undergraduate honours programme in International Studies
 contact: Admissions Office, Monterey Institute of International Studies, 425 Van Buren Street, Monterey, CA 93940, phone (408) 647 4123, fax (408) 647 6405, email admit@miis.edu
- *Moore College of Art and Design* (women only)
 general information: scholarships
 contact: Jennifer Skierski, Assistant Director of Admissions, Moore College of Art and Design, 20th and Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1179, phone (215) 568 4515 x1105, fax (215) 568 3547
- *Mount Ida College*
 general information: grants
 contact: Jane Howard, Director, International Student Affairs, Mount Ida College, 777 Dedham Street, Newton Centre, MA 01259, phone (617) 928 4624, fax (617) 928 4760, email: janeh@usa1.com
- *New England College*
 general information: need-based grant
 contact: Lisa Partridge, Coordinator, International Admissions, New England College, 26 Bridge Street, Henniker, NH 03242, phone (603) 428 2223, fax (603) 428 7230
- *Nicholls State University*
 general information: waiver of out-of-state fees

contact: John Williamson, Director, Admissions, International Student Affairs, Nicholls State University, P O Box 2004 NSU, Thibodaux, LA 70310, phone (504) 448 4145, fax (504) 448 4929, email esap-jaw@nich-nsunet.nich.edu

- *North Central College*
general information: scholarship
contact: John Shindler, North Central College, 30 North Brainard Street, Naperville, IL 60566-7063, phone (708) 420 3393, fax (708) 420 4234, email jhs@noctrl.edu
- *North Dakota State University*
general information: partial or full tuition waiver for students who have been enrolled for one year and are involved in intercultural activities
contact: Office of International Programs, North Dakota State University, P O Box 5582, Fargo, ND 58105, email nuin@plains.nodak.edu
- *Northeast Missouri State University*
general information: International Merit Scholarship and President's Honorary Scholarship
contact: Melanee Crist, International Student Advisor, Northeast Missouri State, KB 120 International Students Office, Kirksville, MO 63501, phone (816) 785 4215, fax (816) 785 5395, email ad55%nemomus@academic.nemostate.edu
- *Northern Michigan University*
general information: John P Johansen Memorial Scholarship for students who have completed one academic year and who demonstrate community involvement and financial need. Adventure Travel and Tour International Student Scholarship for a student who is preferably a theatre major and has demonstrated community involvement
contact: Office of International Affairs, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855, phone (906) 227 2510, fax (906) 227 1890, email oia@nmu.edu
- *Ohio Wesleyan University*
general information: scholarships
contact: Ann Quillin, Director, Foreign Student Services, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH 43015, phone (614) 368 3070, fax (614) 368 3073, email saquilli@cc.owu.edu
- *Oklahoma Baptist University*
general information: variety of academic, athletic and performing arts scholarships
contact: Mary Chancellor, International Studies, Oklahoma Baptist University, Box 61173, Shawnee, OK 74801, phone (405) 878 2092, fax (405) 878 2046, email mchancel@obunix.okbu.edu.
- *Old Dominion University*
general information: International Dominion Scholarships for entering students who will be expected to participate in campus and community activities. Global Ambassador Scholarships based on financial need and contribution to the residence hall environment through activities outside the classroom.
contact: John Favazzo, Coordinator, International Recruitment, Dragas International Center, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0093, phone (757) 683 3701, fax (757) 683 5196, email jaf100f@globe.ic.odu.edu

- *Oregon Institute of Technology*
general information: scholarship and tuition remission
contact: Chris Musick, Oregon Institute of Technology, 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, phone (541) 885 1389, fax (541) 885 1823, email musickc@mail.oit.osshe.edu
- *Park College*
general information: scholarship
contact: Parveen Mozaffar, Director, International Student Services, Park College, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, MO 64152, phone (816) 741 2000
- *Pepperdine University*
general information: Presidential Scholarships
contact: Office of International Student Services, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263-4246, phone (310) 456 4246, fax (310) 317 7403, email dcalkins@pepperdine.edu
- *Pine Manor College (women only)*
general information: scholarships
contact: Mery Treleven, Director, International Admissions, Pine Manor College, 400 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167, phone (617) 731 7104, fax (617) 731 7199
- *Randolph-Macon Woman's College*
general information: International Merit Scholarships, Trustee Scholarship, Founder's Scholarship, Conway Award, Commonwealth Award, and campus employment
contact: Mabelle Humphreys, Coordinator, International Admissions, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503, phone (804) 947 8100, fax (804) 947 8996, email mhumphreys@main.rmwc.edu
- *Reed College*
general information: need-based scholarship/loan
contact: Reed College, Office of Admissions, 3203 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland, OR 97202, fax (503) 777 7553, email admission@reed.edu
- *Ripon College Grants*
general information: need-based grant
contact: Paul Weeks, Vice President, Dean of Admission, 300 Seward Street, P O Box 248, Ripon, WI 54971, phone (414) 748 8102, fax (414) 748 7243, email weeksp@mac.ripon.edu
- *Rockford College*
general information: need and merit-based scholarships and grants
contact: Brad Lauman, Director of International Admission, Rockford College, 5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108-2393, phone (815) 226 3336, fax (815) 226 4119, email blauman@rockford.edu

- *Rocky Mountain College*
general information: TOEFL scholarship for new students who score 500 or better on the TOEFL. Academic scholarship based on merit. Departmental awards based on outstanding performance ability in art, chorus, instrument music, or forensics. Athletic scholarships in ski racing (men and women), basketball (men and women), American football (men), and volleyball (women).
contact: Ken Briggs, Rocky Mountain College, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102, email kwbriggs@rocky.edu
- *Roosevelt University*
general information: scholarship based on merit and/or exceptional talent in the performing arts. Audition required for the performing arts.
contact: Claudia McNamara, Coordinator of International Admissions, Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605, phone (312) 341 3522, fax (312) 341 4316, email intadmit@admrs6k.roosevelt.edu
- *Saginaw Valley State University*
general information: scholarship based on both merit and need
contact: Office of International Programs, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI 48710, fax (517) 790 1314, email pelton@tardis.svsu.edu.
- *St John's University*
general information: merit-based scholarships
contact: Roger Young, Director, International Student Admission, St John's University, Collegeville, MN 56321-7155, phone (612) 245 6467, fax (612) 363 3206, email ryoung@csb.sju.edu
- *St Olaf College*
general information: scholarships open to first year students
contact: Eric Staab, Assistant Director for International Admissions, St Olaf College, 1520 St Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057-1098, phone (507) 646 3937, fax (507) 646 3789, email staab@lars.acc.stolaf.edu
- *Saint Vincent College*
general information: need-based grant
contact: Earl Henry, OSB, Dean, Admission and Financial Aid, Saint Vincent College, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650, phone (412) 537 4540, fax (412) 537 4554
- *Saint Xavier University*
general information: scholarships
contact: Colleen Durkin, Coordinator of International Students and Study, Saint Xavier University, 3700 West 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655, phone (312) 298 3061, fax (312) 779 9061, email durkin@sxu.edu
- *San Francisco Conservatory of Music*
general information: scholarship in classical music performance
contact: Colleen Katzowitz, Director, Student Services, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 1201 Ortega Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, phone (415) 759 3422, fax (415) 759 3499

- *The Savannah College of Art and Design*
 general information: International Competition for Student Artists for students entering the Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Architecture programme
 contact: The Savannah College of Art and Design, International Competition for Student Artists, P O Box 3146, 345 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31402-3146, phone (800) 869 7223, fax (912) 238-2456

- *Schiller International University*
 general information: need-based grants and scholarships
 contact: James Sutherland, Financial Aid, Schiller International University, 435 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698, phone (813) 736 5082, fax (813) 734 0359

- *Shorter College*
 general information: Presidential Scholarship based on merit. Athletic and Music, Drama, Art and Theatre Scholarships. Various other grants.
 contact: Wendy Sutton, Assistant Director of Admissions, Shorter College, 315 Shorter Avenue, Rome, GA 30165-4298, phone (706) 233 7308, fax (706) 236 1515, email patdewit@ix.netcom.com

- *Simmons College (women only)*
 general information: International Presidential Scholarships for first-year students
 contact: Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115-5898, email lfulton@vmsvax.simmons.edu

- *Slippery Rock University*
 general information: partial tuition waiver
 contact: Pamela Frigot, International Student Adviser, Office of International Studies, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA 16057, phone (412) 738 2605, fax (412) 738 2959, email pjf@sruvm.sru.edu

- *Smith College (women only)*
 general information: need-based award
 contact: Myra Smith, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063, phone (413) 585 2530, fax (413) 585 2566

- *Southeast Missouri State University*
 general information: Bernice and W A Heyde, Jr Award for students who have completed their first year of study with at least a B+ average
 contact: Karen Walker, Director, Financial Aid, Southeast Missouri State University, 1 University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, phone (314) 651 2840, fax (314) 651 2200

- *Southern Illinois University at Carbondale*
 general information: merit-based scholarship. Applicant must have been enrolled at SIU for one year.
 contact: Carla Coppi, International Students and Scholarships, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 910 South Forest, Carbondale, IL 62901, phone (618) 453 5774, fax (618) 453 7660

- Southern Oregon State College*
 general information: programs to encourage non-immigrant international students to study at SOSC. For some scholarships, grantees must agree to help with cultural presentations.
 contact: Kathy Holden, International Student Adviser, Southern Oregon State College, 1250 Siskiyou Boulevard, Ashland, OR 97520, phone (541) 552 6660, fax (541) 552 6440, email holden@wpo.sosc.osshe.edu
- Southwest Texas State University*
 general information: Good Neighbor Scholarship to encourage academically talented students from countries of the Western Hemisphere to pursue higher education in Texas and to establish a beneficial link between Texas and the home country of the student
 contact: Peggy Stansberry, Admissions Specialist, Admissions Office, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666, phone (512) 245 2802, fax (512) 245 8044, email ps01@al.swt.edu
- Stanford University*
 general information: scholarship
 contact: Office of Undergraduate Admission, Stanford University, Old Union, Stanford, CA, 94305-3005, phone (415) 723 2091, fax (415) 725 2846, email undergrad.admissions@forsythe.stanford.edu
- State University of New York College at Potsdam*
 general information: awards for returning students
 contact: Lora Lunt, Director, Office of International Education, SUNY College at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY 13676, phone (315) 267 2792, fax (315) 267 2656, email luntlg@potsdam.edu
- Stephens College (women only)*
 general information: Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship for international students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa and are transferring from a junior college to Stephens
 contact: Angela Bartee or Margaret Herron, Coordinators for International Admissions, Stephens College, 1200 E Broadway, Columbia, MO 65215, phone (573) 876 7210, email usa@womenscol.stephens.edu
- Sweet Briar College (women only)*
 general information: scholarships
 contact: Nancy Church, Executive Director, Sweet Briar College, Box B, Sweet Briar, VA 24595, phone (804) 381 6142, fax (804) 381 6152, email admissions@sbc.edu
- Texas A&M University*
 general information: Academic Excellence Award and need-based Public Education Grants
 contact: Suzanne Droleskey, International Student Services, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843, email smd@iss.tamu.edu
- Texas Christian University*
 general information: merit and need-based scholarship and grants
 contact: Karen Scott, Coordinator, International Admissions, Texas Christian University, P O Box 32905, Fort Worth, TX 76129, phone (817) 921 7490, fax (817) 921 7333, email k.scott@tcu.edu

- *Texas Wesleyan University*
general information: scholarship
contact: Dave Voskeril, Vice President, Office of Enrollment Management, Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan, Fort Worth, TX 76105-1536, phone (817) 531 4422, fax (817) 531 4288
- *Thiel College*
general information: need and merit-based scholarships
contact: Leah Koon, Coordinator, International Admissions and Activities, Thiel College, Greenville, PA 16125, phone (412) 589 2176, fax (412) 589 2013, email thielleah@hslc.org
- *Tri-State University*
general information: scholarships
contact: Kim Bryan, Director of Admissions, Tri-State University, 3005 Darling Street, Angola, IN 46703, phone (219) 665 4139, fax (219) 665 4292
- *Troy State University*
general information: International Student Scholarships based on merit and school or community activities. Award requires successful applicants to participate in campus and community cultural activities
contact: Helen Hutto, International Student Advisor, Office of International Programs, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082, phone (334) 670 3736, fax (334) 670 3735, email hhutto@vm1.troyst.edu
- *United States International University*
general information: International Presidential Scholarship and International University Scholarship, both based on academic achievement. Other merit scholarships.
contact: Darla Wilson, Director of Admissions, United States International University, 10455 Pomerado Road, San Diego, CA 92131-1799, phone (619) 635 4772, fax (619) 635 4739, email usiu_adm@usiu.edu
- *University of Arizona*
general information: scholarships based on both merit and need. Applicant must have been enrolled for at least one year before becoming eligible.
contact: David Currey, Center for International Students and Scholars, University of Arizona, 915 North Tyndall Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85721, phone (520) 621 4627, fax (520) 621 4069, email dcurrey@vms.ccit.arizona.edu
- *University of Arkansas*
general information: John and Marie Lavallard International Scholarship based on merit and need. International Student Scholarship.
contact: International Admissions Office, University of Arkansas, 215 Hunt Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701, phone (501) 575 6246, fax (501) 575 7515, email uwhite@uafsysa.uark.edu
- *University of Bridgeport*
general information: merit-based grants
contact: Barbara Maryah, Executive Director, International Admissions, University of Bridgeport, 126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06601, phone (203) 576 4575, fax (203) 576 4941

- *University of Central Arkansas*
general information: need-based scholarships. Applicants must have at least 60 credit hours, been at UCA for at least two terms and excelled academically.
contact: Mary Bane Lackie, Student Services, International Programs, University of Central Arkansas, 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, AR 72035-0001, phone (501) 450 3445, fax (501) 450 5095, email maryl@cc3.uca.edu
- *University of Denver*
general information: International Scholars Award
contact: Marjorie Smith, Associate Dean, University of Denver, 2199 South University Boulevard, Denver, CO 80208, phone (303) 871 2790, fax (303) 871 3301, email admi23@medusa.du.edu
- *University of Evansville*
general information: merit scholarships (need and geographic diversity are sometimes factors in the awards)
contact: International Student Services, University of Evansville, 1800 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47722, phone (812) 479 2279, fax (812) 479 2156
- *University of Houston*
general information: scholarships and grants
contact: Office of International Admissions, 1 Main Street, Houston, TX 70022, phone (713) 221 8048, fax (713) 221 8157, email lim@uhdvx4.dt.uh.edu
- *University of Maine at Farmington*
general information: tuition waivers based on both merit and need
contact: Laurie Hodgkins, Assistant Director, Admissions, University of Maine at Farmington, 102 Main Street, Farmington, ME 04938, phone (207) 778 7050, fax (207) 778 8182, email umfadmit@maine.maine.edu
- *University of Maine at Orono*
general information: tuition waivers based on both merit and need
contact: Holly Chase, Program Coordinator, International Programs Room 100, 5782 Winslow Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469-5782, phone (207) 581 2905, fax (207) 581 2920, email hchase@maine.maine.edu
- *University of Maine at Presque Isle*
general information: full tuition scholarship based primarily on geographic diversity
contact: Gerald Wuori, Director of Admissions, University of Maine at Presque Isle, 181 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769, email infoumpi@polaris.umpi.maine.edu
- *University of Miami*
general information: full and partial tuition waivers
contact: University of Miami, International Admission Office, P O Box 248025, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2230, phone (305) 284 2271, fax (305) 284 6811, email intladmis@admiss.msml.miami.edu
- *University of Minnesota in Duluth*
general information: waiver of non-resident fees based on merit
contact: Karin Robbins, International Adviser, email krobbin1@d.umn.edu
- *University of Mississippi*

general information: scholarships
contact: Dr Nolan Shepard, Director, Office of International Programs, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677, phone (601) 232 7404, fax (601) 232 7486

- *University of Montana-Missoula*
general information: partial tuition waiver for second-year students based on merit, serious financial need and involvement in extracurricular activities that promote international education
contact: Effie Koehn, Director, Foreign Student and Scholar Services, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, phone (406) 243 2226, fax (406) 243 6115, email ekoehn@selway.umt.edu
- *University of Northern California*
general information: awards for students in the following fields: biomedical engineering technology; communication disorders; engineering; English language and literature/letters; foreign languages and literature/letters
contact: Anna Levenson, Director, Admissions, University of Northern California, 101 S San Antonio Road, Petaluma, CA 94952, phone (707) 765 6400, fax (707) 769 8600
- *University of Oregon*
general information: partial tuition waiver
contact: Peter Briggs, International Education and Exchange, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, phone (541) 346 3206, fax (541) 346 1232, email pbriggs@oregon.uoregon.edu
- *University of Pittsburgh*
general information: Japanese Studies Scholarship to assist students pursuing a degree in Asian Studies. Applicants must be enrolled in a certificate program in Asian Studies and have compiled a strong record in Japanese language and area studies.
contact: Financial Aid Committee, c/o Asian Studies Program, 4E05 Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, phone (412) 648 7370
- *University of Richmond*
general information: merit and need-based financial aid
contact: Marilyn Hesser, Associate Director, International Admissions, Sarah Brunet Hall, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173, phone (804) 287 6531, fax (804) 287 6535, email admhesse@sonic.urich.edu
- *University of Rochester Eastman School of Music*
general information: scholarships based on musical achievement, scholastic attainment and financial need
contact: Robert Borden, Director, Financial Aid, Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester, NY 14604, phone (716) 274 1070, fax (716) 274 1088, email efao@mus.cc.rochester.edu
- *University of Southern California*
general information: International Freshman Academic Scholarship based on academic excellence, leadership, service and talent; Scholarship for International Freshmen based on meritorious academic achievement; and merit scholarship for first-year students (preference given to students from under-represented countries)

contact: Judith Jurek, Office for International Students and Scholars, University of Southern California, STU 300, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0899, phone (213) 740 2666, fax (213) 740 5194, email jjurek@afs2000a.usc.edu

- *University of Tampa*
general information: scholarships based on both merit and need
contact: Kio Santana, Director, International Recruitment, University of Tampa, 401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33606-1490, phone (813) 253 6211, fax (813) 254 4955
- *University of Texas at Austin*
general information: Public Education Grant, IEFS Scholarship and Good Neighbor Scholarships to assist international students. IEFS grant gives preference to students who have suffered hardship and/or who have been denied a university education in their home country based on race, religion or gender.
contact: Margaret Kidd, Director, International Office, Drawer A, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713-7206, phone (512) 471 1211, fax (512) 471 8848, email mkidd@mail.utexas.edu
- *University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*
general information: partial tuition waiver
contact: Hilda Moleski, Foreign Student Advisor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Center for International Education, 111 Schofield Hall, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004, phone (715) 836 4411, fax (715) 836 4948, email moleskhm@uwec.edu
- *University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*
general information: scholarship
contact: Lon Sherman, Admissions, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Baker Hall, Whitewater, WI 53190, phone (414) 472 1460, fax (414) 472 1515
- *Valdosta State University*
general information: scholarship (preference given to students sponsored by US government training and scholarship programmes)
contact: Daphne Durham, Foreign Student Advisor, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA 31698, phone (912) 333 7410, fax (912) 245 3849, email ddurham@grits.valdosta.peachnet.edu
- *Valparaiso University*
general information: International Award for Academic Excellence
contact: Melissa Adams, Assistant Director, International Admissions, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383, phone (219) 464 5011, fax (219) 464 6898, email mcadams@exodus.valpo.edu
- *Wabash College (men only)*
general information: International Merit Awards
contact: Joan Kudlaty, Coordinator, International Admissions, Wabash College, P O Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352, phone (317) 361 6254, fax (317) 361 6437, email kudlatyj@wabash.edu
- *Waldorf College*

general information: need-based grants
contact: Duane Polsdofer, Director, Financial Aid, Waldorf College, 106 South 6th Street, Forest City, IA 50436, phone (515) 582 8120, fax (515) 582 8194

- *Wartburg College*
general information: partial tuition waivers
contact: Lenny Trudo, Director of Admissions, Wartburg College, 222 Ninth Street, NW, Waverly, IA 50677-1003, phone (319) 352 8264, fax (319) 352 8579, email alexanderj@wartburg.edu
- *Washington College*
general information: Colin Ferguson Grant
contact: Jean Narcum, Director, Financial Aid, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620, phone (410) 778 7214, fax (410) 778 7287, email jean_narcum@washcoll.edu
- *Wesleyan University*
general information: grant and loan package based on both merit and need
contact: Terri Overton, Associate Dean of Admission. Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 06459, fax (860) 685 3001, email toverton@wesleyan.edu
- *Western Washington University*
general information: partial tuition and fee waiver
contact: Liz Partolan-Fray, Associate Director, Multicultural Services Center, MS 9049, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9049, email partolan@henson.cc.wvu.edu
- *Whittier College*
general information: scholarships based on both merit and need
contact: Urmi Kar, Director, Admission Programs, Whittier College, 13406 East Philadelphia, Whittier, CA 90608, phone (310) 907 4238, fax (310) 907 4870, email ukar@whittier.edu
- *Willamette University*
general information: scholarships based on both need and merit
contact: Teresa Hudkins, Director, Admissions, Willamette University, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301, phone (503) 370 6303, fax (503) 375 5363, email undergrad_admission@willamette.edu
- *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
general information: need-based scholarships for students in the following fields: biochemistry; biology; biotechnology research; chemistry; computer science; engineering; mathematics; physics
contact: Roy Seaberg, Sr, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609, phone (508) 831 5286, fax (508) 831 5875

- *Yavapai College*
general information: grants, scholarships and/or stipends, some based on financial need, some on specific majors such as art or business, and some on merit
contact: Office of Financial Aid, Yavapai College, 1100 East Sheldon, Prescott, AZ 86301, phone (520) 776 2125, fax (520) 776 2151, email fa_mike@yavapai.cc.az.us

Companies providing financial loans to international students

Below are two institutions that provide loans to international students. For more information on loans for international students look on the financial aid website <http://www.finaid.org/finaid/focus/itl-stud.html> , pp. 5-11, chapter titled Loans for International Students.

- *City Assist (Citibank)*
contact: telephone (800) 846 1290, URL address <http://www.citibank.com/student/assist.html>
- *International Student Loan Program (ISLP)*
contact: Joe Cronin, VP/IEFC, 424 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186
phone (617) 696 7840, fax (617) 698 3001, email iefc@aol.com

Funding for undergraduate research projects

Following is a list of funding sources for undergraduate research. This funding is not available for payment of tuition and fees but can assist you with undertaking a research project during your undergraduate studies. This information is included for your future reference.

- *ADHA Institute for Oral Health Research Grants*
general information: for dental hygiene students who wish to conduct research in dental hygiene
deadline: January
contact: Beatrice Pedersen, Associate Administrator, ADHA Institute Research Grant Program, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400, Chicago, IL 60611, phone (312) 440 8900
- *Delta Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Station Summer Field Assistantships*
general information: to allow students to work as field assistants with graduate students studying waterfowl or wetlands ecology, especially significant conservation problems
deadline: mid-March
contact: Frank Rohwer, Associate Professor, Louisiana State University, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, phone (504) 388 4146, fax (504) 388 4227
- *Fight for Sight Student Research Fellowship*
general information: for students interested in eye-related clinical or basic research
deadline: 1 March
contact: Program Coordinator, Prevent Blindness America, 500 E Remington Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173, phone (708) 843 2020, fax (708) 843 8458
- *George Mason University Mary Roberts Rinehart Award*
general information: to assist with the completion of a first work of fiction, poetry, non-fiction or drama. Must be an unpublished creative writer. Applicant must be nominated by writing program faculty, sponsoring writer, agent or editor.
deadline: 30 November
contact: William Miller or Chris Elliott, Writing Program Secretary, English Department, George Mason University, MSN 3E4, Fairfax, VA 22030-4444, phone (703) 993 1185
- *Institution of Mining and Metallurgy G Vernon Hobson Bequest*
general information: to advance the teaching and practice of geology as applied to mining
deadline: 15 March
contact: Secretary, Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, 44 Portland Place, London W1N 4BR, United Kingdom

- *John F Kennedy Library Foundation Abba Schwartz Fellowship* (for research at the John F Kennedy Library)
 general information: to support scholars requiring the use of the Kennedy Library for research on immigration, naturalisation or refugee policy
 deadline: 15 March
 contact: William Johnson, Chief Archivist, John F Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125-3313, phone (617) 929 4533, fax (617) 929 4599, email william.johnson@kennedy.nara.gov
- *John F Kennedy Library Foundation Arthur M Schlesinger Jr Research Fellowship* (for research at the John F Kennedy Library)
 general information: to support scholars in the production of substantial works, the research for which would benefit from access to the Kennedy Library and Museum's archival, manuscript and audiovisual holdings. Preference give to applicants specialising in the foreign policy of the Kennedy years, with particular regard to Latin America or Western Hemisphere history, or in Kennedy domestic policy with particular regard to racial justice and the conservation of natural resources.
 deadline: 15 August
 contact: William Johnson, Chief Archivist, John F Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125-3313, phone (617) 929 4533, fax (617) 929 4599, email william.johnson@kennedy.nara.gov
- *John F Kennedy Library Foundation Hemingway Research Grants* (for research at the John F Kennedy Library)
 general information: to support scholars requiring the use of the Hemingway collection. Preference given to dissertation research by Ph.D. candidates and research in recently opened or relatively unused portions of the collection.
 deadline: 15 March
 contact: William Johnson, Chief Archivist, John F Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125-3313, phone (617) 929 4533, fax (617) 929 4599, email william.johnson@kennedy.nara.gov
- *John F Kennedy Library Foundation Marjorie Kovler Fellowship* (for research at the John F Kennedy Library)
 general information: to support scholars requiring the use of the Kennedy Library for research in the area of foreign intelligence and the presidency or a related topic
 deadline: 15 March
 contact: William Johnson, Chief Archivist, John F Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125-3313, phone (617) 929 4533, fax (617) 929 4599, email william.johnson@kennedy.nara.gov
- *John F Kennedy Library Foundation Theodore C Sorensen Research Fellowship* (for research at the John F Kennedy Library)
 general information: to support scholars requiring the use of the Kennedy Library
 deadline: 15 March
 contact: William Johnson, Chief Archivist, John F Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston, MA 02125-3313, phone (617) 929 4533, fax (617) 929 4599, email william.johnson@kennedy.nara.gov
- *Princeton University Visiting Fellowships* (for research at the Princeton University Library)

general information: to promote scholarly use of the university library. Applicants should submit a CV and a brief research proposal that addresses the relevance of the Princeton University Library Collections to the proposed research.

deadline: 31 January

contact: Fellowship Committee, Princeton University Library, One Washington Road, Princeton, NJ 08544

- *Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program Curatorial and Critical Studies Fellowships*
general information: Curatorial Studies fellows collaborate to produce an art exhibition. Critical Studies fellows engage in individual scholarly research and critical writing projects. Applicants must show demonstrated capacity for advanced scholarship.
deadline: 1 April
contact: Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, 384 Broadway, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013, phone (212) 431 1737
- *Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program Studio Program*
general information: to allow students to engage in painting, sculpture, film and video making, photography, performance and interdisciplinary work at the Whitney Museum. Applicants should be enrolled in an art school, or have recently completed formal studies.
deadline: 1 April
contact: Whitney Museum Independent Study Program, 384 Broadway, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013, phone (212) 431 1737
- *Winston Foundation for World Peace Fellowship Program*
general information: to allow students to pursue a project on cooperative security, conflict resolution and disarmament with a non-governmental, nonprofit organisation. Projects should be international in scope or linked to US foreign or defense policy. Applicants must be in their third or fourth year of undergraduate study.
deadline: 1 March, 15 July, 1 November
contact: Winston Foundation for World Peace, 2040 S Street NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20009-1157, phone (202) 483 4215, fax (202) 483 4219, email winstonfoun@igc.apc.org