



U.S Embassy, Lusaka, Educational Advising Services

Education Advising: The American Embassy offers advising services to those who intend on studying in accredited U.S. universities. The advising service is free to all and offers advice beginning at the college search process until the time of departure for America. Advising services are available by appointment by emailing: EDULusaka@state.gov.

Group events are regularly advertised on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/ZambiaEducationUSA>

Educational Programs at the United States Embassy Include:

U.S. Higher Education: There are close to 5,000 accredited colleges and universities in the U.S. providing options for students interested in all different fields, geographical locations, school types, and school sizes. To attend school in the U.S. you must have at least the minimum qualifications to attend a University in Zambia. If you will need financial assistance then you must not only meet the minimum requirements, but must also be exemplary. Financial assistance in the form of merit based scholarships and need based aid is controlled primarily by the individual schools to which you apply.

If you are starting this process now, you are looking at completing a college/university application no later than **January 1, 2014** for admission in **August or September 2014**.

United States Student Achievers Program (USAP): The United States Student Achievers Program (USAP) is a program to help high achieving and economically disadvantaged students prepare the strongest possible applications to U.S. colleges and universities. The program is NOT a scholarship program, and there is no guarantee that students in the programs will receive scholarships to U.S. schools. However, the program assists students with all of the steps involved in applying to U.S. schools from school research and selection, to standardized testing, to completing the application and the financial aid forms. More information is available here: <http://www.usapglobal.org/>. Applications for the 2014 cycle will be available in early 2014

Fulbright and Humphrey Fellowship Programs: The Fulbright Foreign Student Program brings citizens of other countries to the United States for Master's degree or Ph.D. study at U.S. universities. The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides ten months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the United States. Applications for 2014-2015 cycle are now closed. Applications for 2015-2016 will open in early 2014.

For more information: <http://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/>, <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org>

Standardized Tests

Undergraduate and graduate programs will require some combination of the tests listed below. **The U.S. Embassy does not administer any of the tests listed below, nor do we register students for these tests.**

SAT www.sat.collegeboard.org/home

Cost: \$78 for Reasoning; \$73 for Subject Test (3 subjects)

Test Locations: American international School, Lusaka; International School of Lusaka; Lechwe School, Kitwe; Simba International School, Ndola

ACT

www.act.org/

Cost: \$76.50

Test Locations: American International School, Lusaka

TOEFL

www.ets.org/toefl/

Cost: iBT \$160

Test Locations: ASTUTE Business Technologies- Plot No. 40, Kudu Rd, Lusaka, PO Box 31059, 260-211-260475, 260-968-837521; Northrise University- Caravelle House, 1098 Buteko Ave, Ndola

GRE

www.ets.org/gre/

Cost: \$190

Test Locations: International School of Lusaka

GMAT

www.mba.com

Cost: \$250

Test Locations: ICT Test Center, Lusaka (across from UNZA)

LSAT

www.lsac.org

Cost: \$144

Test Locations: Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya

Avoiding Scams

Rules of thumb to avoid scams: 1) No legitimate scholarship program will ask you for money to apply for a scholarship; 2) If a program sounds too good to be true, it probably is; 3) No legitimate program can guarantee that you will receive a scholarship; 4) Be on the lookout for misspellings, poor grammar, etc. For more information:

www.finaid.org/scholarships/common.phtml

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Other Resources

For general information about applying to U.S. colleges and universities:

www.educationusa.info/5_steps_to_study/

colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges

Find out whether a school is accredited by a recognized U.S. accreditation body at: ope.ed.gov/accreditation/

For information about distance learning opportunities: www.usdla.org/