



Education
USA

Let's Get Started...

Applying for Undergraduate Study

12 to 24 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

- Obtain a valid [passport](#)
- Determine your top priorities
 - Use the [EducationUSA website](#) to begin your search
 - Complete an [EducationUSA Pre-Advising Survey](#)
 - Schedule 1:1 appointment with an advisor
 - Create a budget
 - Determine your family's contribution
 - Use a college cost [calculator](#)
 - Follow EducationUSA Canada on social media
 - Attend EducationUSA [Webinars](#)
 - Follow EducationUSA on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Subscribe to our [newsletter](#)
 - Read the [Study South of the Border](#) blog
 - Research and narrow your choices
 - Use college search engines (see purple box)
 - Consider universities with cross-border [tuition agreements](#) for Canadians
 - Attend an [education fair](#) near you
 - Explore college websites and take virtual campus tours
 - Schedule on campus tours (if possible)
- Work with your Guidance Counselor to ensure prerequisite requirements are met
- Prepare for standardized testing
 - Decide which tests to take ([SAT](#), [SAT Subject Tests](#), [ACT](#), [TOEFL](#), or [IELTS](#))
 - Decide how you will study
 - Take practice tests
 - Purchase a test prep book
 - Sign-up for free online resources (like [Khan Academy](#))
 - Purchase online resources
 - Enroll in a class
 - Hire a private tutor
- Register for an upcoming test date

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College Search Tools

Collegeboard.org
admitster.com
petersons.com
aacc.nche.edu
cappex.com
princetonreview.com
hotcoursesabroad.com



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- Perfect your resume
 - Take challenging, but achievable, coursework (AP, Honors, & IB classes)
 - Build relationships with adults who can write letters of reference
 - Take on leadership roles in clubs or sports
 - Develop work or volunteer experience
- Finance your studies
 - Identify types and sources of financial aid
 - University-provided aid: see university websites
 - Government of Canada [Loans](#) and [Scholarships](#)
 - Provincial Loans and Scholarships
 - Scholarship search engines (See purple box)
 - Special scholarships (Ex. Sports, Art, Cultural background)
 - [Work-study](#): Contact your university for specific details of program
 - On campus employment: International students can work up to 20 hours per week

Funding your Studies

fundingsstudy.org
yconic.com
scholarshipscanada.com
college-scholarships.com
studentaidplus.com
iefa.org
internationalscholarships.com

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- Complete your application
 - Transcripts
 - Standardized test scores
 - Admissions essays
 - Letter(s) of Recommendation
 - Proof of financial support
- Prepare for your departure
 - [Canadian citizens](#) do not need to apply for a student visa
 - Connect with your university's International Office
 - [Watch](#) or attend an EducationUSA Pre-Departure orientation
 - Confirm on-campus or off-campus housing
 - Consider cell phone plans or an international SIM card
 - Plan for banking; your Canadian bank may have a U.S. option
 - Determine how will you get around (bus pass, bike, scooter, car)
 - Secure health insurance

Crossing the Border

Passport
I-20 or DS-2019
Proof of SEVIS payment
Proof of funds
Driver's License
University contact info
Your new address