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Undergraduate Admissions

While narrowing your search for a good fit U.S. university, it is critical to determine how you will fund your studies. Tuition rates and scholarship opportunities vary widely. Create a budget and target universities that have either affordable tuition and/or generous scholarships.

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University financial aid: This is the most likely place that international students receive scholarships. Universities may have one or more of the following options available.

- **Needs-based aid:** grants given based on a family's income and assets. More than fifty universities will meet an international student's full demonstrated need. Eleven of these are need-blind for Canadians during the admissions process, while most are need-aware.
- **Merit-based aid:** scholarships given based on the student's academic profile, usually with emphasis on grade point average (GPA) and test scores (SAT or ACT).
- **Talent-based aid:** scholarships given for athletics or the arts. Athletes will need to be recruited by coaches and meet eligibility requirements. Artists will usually need to provide an audition/portfolio.
- **Residence-based aid:** some universities provide reduced tuition or special scholarships for Canadians or residents of certain Canadian provinces (see back for more details).
- **Work-study:** aid given to students based on a certain number of work hours that they contribute throughout the school year.

Provincial funding: You can apply for your Canadian province's student financial aid system which typically includes scholarships and loans.

External scholarships: It is challenging to locate external scholarships provided by private funders that students can apply to in Canada and take to the United States. There are some that exist, but tend to be for small amounts like \$500.

Loans: money that you will need to pay back. You cannot take out a loan in the United States without an American co-signer. You can use Canadian bank loans to study in the USA.

American citizens

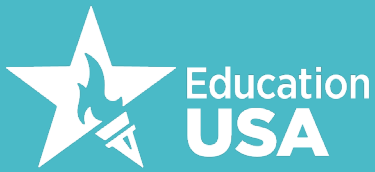
Government loans and scholarships:
[FAFSA.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

Popular scholarship website:
[Fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

EducationUSA resources

Scholarship search engine:
educationusa.state.gov

Study South of the Border blog:
educationusa.blogspot.com



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Scholarship Highlights

Many U.S. universities provide generous scholarships and financial aid for international students (beyond what is listed here). The following scholarship highlights and financial aid resources are all connected to specific U.S. colleges, universities, states, and/or public higher education systems.

Florida Canada Linkage Institute

global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/

Canadian citizens who have been accepted to one of Florida's 40 public universities or colleges may apply for a scholarship which reduces tuition to the in-state rate.

Manitoba-Minnesota Reciprocity

ohe.state.mn.us

Residents of Manitoba are eligible for in-state tuition at any of Minnesota's 41 public universities or colleges.

Maine public universities and colleges

Canadian citizens pay a reduced tuition rate at all 7 University of Maine and 11 Maine community college campuses.

Texas Good Neighbor discount

collegeforalltexas.com

Students born in Canada can receive in-state tuition for the first year of study at any of Texas' 101 public universities and colleges.

North Dakota neighbor discount

All 11 North Dakota public universities and colleges have in-state or reduced tuition for residents of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Dakota College at Bottineau, Lake Region State College, and Williston State College have in-state tuition for Canadians. Minot State University has in-state tuition for all students.

North Carolina Promise

northcarolina.edu/impact/affordability-efficiency/nc-promise/

Out-of-state students pay \$2,500 USD per semester at Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University.

#YouAreWelcomeHere scholarship

youarewelcomehereusa.org

More than 40 U.S. universities have committed to awarding at least two international students ½ off tuition scholarships.

Other scholarship highlights

Generation Google for Computer Science and Tech majors - \$10,000 USD

Rutherford Scholarship for Alberta residents - \$2,500 CAD

Rise for global service - full needs-based scholarship

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