



Education  
**USA**

A U.S. Department of State Network

EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of over 400 international student advising centers in more than 170 countries. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited tertiary institutions in the United States.

EducationUSA also provides services to the U.S. higher education community to help institutional leaders meet their recruitment and campus internationalization goals.

EducationUSA Centers are located in an array of venues including U.S. embassies and consulates, Fulbright commissions, bi-national centers, American Spaces, universities, and non-profit organizations.



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## EducationUSA Advising Centers

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*EducationUSA is the official source on U.S. higher education.*

### Located at U.S. Consulates

za.usembassy.gov/education-culture  
(by appointment only)

#### Cape Town

EducationUSAAct@state.gov  
Phone: (021) 702 7362

#### Durban

EducationUSAdbn@state.gov  
Phone: (031) 305 7600 ext. 3135

#### Johannesburg

EducationUSAjhb@state.gov  
Phone: (011) 290 3108

**American Spaces located at libraries in Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Mamelodi, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Pietermaritzburg, Soweto, and Westonaria provide resources and reference materials on the U.S.**

## UNDERGRADUATE



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South Africa



## Advising Services

- Study in the USA introductory group sessions
- Follow-up individual advising
- U.S. College fairs & Visits
- Advice on standardized exams for university admission (TOEFL, SAT or ACT)
- Sale of standardized test materials
- Resources & reference materials on U.S. colleges and application process
- EducationUSA Scholar Program for high achieving students
- Financial assistance for the U.S. university application process (for qualifying EducationUSA Scholars)
- School counselor workshop on U.S. higher education

## Web & Social Media Sites

[ZA.USEmbassy.gov](http://ZA.USEmbassy.gov)

[EducationUSA.state.gov](http://EducationUSA.state.gov)

Facebook: /EducationUSAinSA

Twitter: @EdUSAinSA

## Test Information

SAT: [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org)

ACT: [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

TOEFL: [ets.org/toefl](http://ets.org/toefl)

## 5 Steps to U.S. Study

*With thousands of accredited U.S. colleges and universities in the United States, how do you find the one that is right for you? EducationUSA Advisers offer information, orientation, and guidance as you search for higher education institutions in the United States that fit your needs.*

### 1. Research Your Options (At least 18-24 Months before U.S. Study )

- Define Your Priorities (discuss with family)
- Take academically challenging courses in grades 10-12
- Get involved in at least 1-2 community/ extra curricular activities throughout high school
- Attend a free EducationUSA introductory group session
- Note admission tests and how to prepare

### 2. Finance Your Studies (12-18 mos.)

- Develop a budget & find ways to reduce costs
- Search for scholarships & other financial aid

### 3. Complete Your Application (9-12 mos.)

- Manage application timelines
- Tackle application requirements, (i.e. required tests)
- Work with school official before final school exams to obtain recommendations, reports, & school profiles
- Write & re-write personal essays

### 4. Apply For Your Student Visa (3-5 mos.)

- Outline the visa application process
- Feel prepared for your interview

### 5. Prepare For Your Departure (2-4 mos.)

- Attend a free EducationUSA Pre-Departure Orientation
- Know what to expect when you arrive & ease into your new environment

## EducationUSA Scholar Program

EducationUSA Scholars Program (ESP) seeks to identify, recruit, and guide talented and determined South African Grade 11 students, through the admissions process for colleges and universities in the United States.

Selected students will work with our EducationUSA staff over 18 months, starting in January of their final school year, to try to secure admission and financial assistance to begin study in the United States in August following their high school graduation.

To be eligible, you must be a determined and hardworking student and demonstrate: **strong academic record** (70% average or above- excl. Life Orientation), **evidence of leadership, service to community and school, and outstanding character.**

Although financial assistance is not provided to all of the ESP participants in the admissions process, select students who need financial support in the upfront cost of applying to U.S. universities or getting to monthly sessions, can select to be considered for our Opportunity Funds (Demonstration of financial need and A-Average will be required).

Applications open in August and close November 30th (strictly for Grade 11 students only)

For more information & application forms, please contact your nearest EducationUSA Adviser