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Opportunity Initiative Grant: Helping You Take the Next Step Toward Study in the U.S.!

Opportunity Initiative grants are support for talented international students who may need financial help to take the next steps toward study in the United States at an accredited institution of higher learning.

These grants are available now to help cover the upfront costs of seeking higher education in the U.S., and are part of EducationUSA's broad range of assistance to international students.

We want to demonstrate that international students like you are welcome in the U.S., and increase access to U.S. institutions of higher learning for deserving students who have broad interests and ambitions but modest means. These grants make it possible for students who would be otherwise unable to afford the costly application process to take the next step toward an education in the United States.



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What Can the Grants Pay For?

- Testing fees, including additional score reports, for TOEFL, SAT, GRE and other specialized tests required by U.S. institutions.
- Round-trip transportation and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals at testing sites located far from the student's home. This is for people out of Managua.
- Application fees for U.S. institutions to which the student is applying in some cases.
- International courier fees to ensure the student's application package reaches U.S. institutions.
- Costs of translations and certifications of the student's official documents and records.
- Cost of international telephone or Internet communications with receiving institution for the purpose an admissions interview or to finalize details.



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- Costs relating to applying for appropriate U.S. visa.
- Round-trip transportation to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals.
- Transportation to the U.S. to the institution where student will begin studies.
- Advanced English lessons for specialized uses to enhance student's competitiveness in his/her academic field (i.e. technical English, scientific English, business English, etc.)
- A one-time settling-in allowance.
- Limited financial aid to supplement assistance offered by an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning when the offer falls short of meeting the student's needs.



How to Apply

There are no complicated forms or lengthy procedures. Students who wish to apply should simply contact an adviser at the nearest EducationUSA advising center abroad for details.

Contact information is included in this pamphlet, and a full list of advising centers worldwide is available online www.educationusa.state.gov/centers/

Remember, Opportunity Initiative grants are here to help you take the next step toward an American higher education. You may apply early in the process of applying to go to the U.S., for help with testing fees, or you may apply after acceptance at a school in the United States, for limited financial aid funds to help pay for your studies.

This program is only open to students who will not receive a Fulbright or other U.S. Government-sponsored grant.



On the Web

EducationUSA's web site at www.educationusa.state.gov has a wealth of information on undergraduate, graduate and other higher education opportunities in the U.S. We offer unbiased information on choosing a school, obtaining a visa tips on pre-departure and more.

More About EducationUSA

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 450 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Our goal is to foster mutual understanding between the United States and other countries by promoting personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad.



Contact an EducationUSA Advising Center to Learn More!

Hours of service

Monday to Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m.
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