



What Are Opportunity Funds?

Opportunity funds supports underrepresented students of modest means by covering the up-front costs of applying to university in the United States. Such costs may include: test preparation and fees; visa and application fees; transportation costs; books and settling in allowance, English language courses, and when appropriate, top-off funds toward tuition. Opportunity support can be used for both graduate and undergraduate education at accredited, degree-granting institutions in the United States. The total amount of support per recipient may not exceed US\$10,000. Opportunity support has been provided since 2006 and currently is offered in **23 countries worldwide**. This number is being increased in summer 2009 to include **five more** Central American countries.

What Is An Institutions' Commitment Financially and Why Should We Get Involved?

Opportunity recipients have been selected through a nomination process that includes input from the EducationUSA adviser, Regional Educational Advising Coordinator, and the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy. Opportunity students are selected because they demonstrate a strong academic background and great potential for succeeding at a U.S. institution of higher learning. Opportunity students come from modest background and are often from underrepresented groups within their own country. Therefore they bring with them diversity to U.S. campuses – both from a cultural and socio-economic perspective. When U.S. institutions admit Opportunity recipients, it is expected that the college/university will provide full financial aid in order for the student to be able to attend. Most, if not all, Opportunity recipients will not have enough estimated family contribution (EFC) to cover any of the costs of housing and tuition/fees.

Where Are Opportunity Eligible Students?

Algeria, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen. Beginning summer 2009, students from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama will also be eligible to apply through the local EducationUSA advising office.



Who Already Has Enrolled Opportunity Students?

American Music & Dramatic Academy	Pennsylvania State University
Babson University	Princeton University
Berea College	Purdue University
Berkeley College	San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Boston University	Smith College
Brandeis University	Smith University
Brown University	Southern Illinois University
Butler University	St. Lawrence University
California State University East Bay	Stanford University
Carl Albert State College	SUNY New Paltz
Carnegie Mellon University	Syracuse University
Clemson University	Texas A&M University
Cleveland State University	Texas Christian University
College of Southern Nevada	University of New Mexico
College of St. Catherine	University of Arizona
Community College of the Canyons	University of California Berkeley
DePaul University	University of California Los Angeles
Eastern Michigan University	University of California Riverside
Emory University	University of California San Diego
Florida International University	University of California Santa Cruz
Genesee Community College	University of Chicago
Georgia State University	University of Illinois-Chicago
Grinnell College	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Harvard University	University of Iowa
Holy Cross College in Indiana	University of Kansas
Indiana University – Bloomington	University of Louisiana-Monroe
Iowa State University	University of Maryland College Park
Ithaca College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Jackson State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Kent State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Lawrence University	University of Montana
Lehigh University	University of New Orleans
Luther College	University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Lynn University	University of Pennsylvania
Manhattanville University	University of Rhode Island
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of South Alabama
Michigan Technological University	University of South Carolina
Monterey Institute	University of Texas-Austin
Mt. Holyoke College	University of Tulsa
New York Film Academy	Vanderbilt University
North Carolina School of the Arts	West Texas A&M
Northern Virginia University	Western Illinois University
Notre Dame University	Williams College
Ohio University at Athens	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Oklahoma State University	Yale University
Old Dominion University	

Who Do We Contact For More Details?

Contact EducationUSA at educationusa@state.gov or the find details for the local EducationUSA advising office in one of the above countries: www.educationusa.state.gov.