



Let's Get Started!

*Applying for Undergraduate Study
in the U.S*

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE: 18-24 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

- Obtain a valid passport
- Contact [EducationUSA in Cyprus](#)
 - Attend a free, comprehensive information session
 - Watch [this video](#) for a comprehensive picture of U.S. higher education!
- Research and narrow your options
 - Determine your **top priorities** →
 - Explore your [5 steps to U.S. study](#)
 - Create a list of 8-10 schools by searching college websites
 - Use college search engines like [Big Future](#), [Funding U.S. study](#), and [Peterson's](#)
- How much can you afford? Finance your studies
 - Create a budget using a [college cost calculator](#)
 - Find schools that offer financial aid for international students
 - Find schools that have [special opportunities](#) and other financial aid
 - Consider other options for saving money, [such as community colleges/ 2+2](#)
- Prepare for a standardized test
 - What tests do schools on your list require, including to qualify for financial aid?
 - Decide what tests to take ([SAT](#), [SAT subject tests](#), [ACT](#), [TOEFL](#), or [IELTS](#))
 - Decide how to study
 - Take *free* practice tests, for [TOEFL](#), [SAT](#), and [ACT](#) exams
 - Purchase a test prep book
 - Sign up for free online resources (like [Khan Academy](#))
 - Enroll in a class or hire a private tutor
 - Register for an upcoming test

What is most important to you?

Financial Aid? Majors offered?
Cost? Size of school?
Location? Sports offered? Research?

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9-18 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

- Perfect your resume
 - Work closely with your school guidance counselor and EducationUSA office
 - Build relationships with teachers and mentors who can write letters of reference
 - Take on leadership roles in clubs or sports and develop work or volunteer experience
- Narrow your list of schools to ensure a good balance, including 1-2 schools you are likely to get into, 3-4 moderately difficult, and a few "reach schools!"
 - Track application deadlines. *Note that scholarship deadlines may be earlier!*
- Take or retake standardized tests
- Write and rewrite your essays. Share drafts with peers, teachers, and other adults

LESS THAN 9 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

- Complete your applications
 - November-December
 - Early Action and Early Decision applications due (optional)
 - Some Regular Admissions due--check each school's deadlines
 - January-February
 - Most Regular Admissions due (January 1)
 - CSS profile and other scholarship/need-based financial aid due
 - FAFSA applications for U.S. citizens due
 - March-April
 - Receive admissions decisions from the schools you applied to
- May 1
 - Select your university! A deposit is required to secure your spot