



Financial Aid Resources for International Students

There are many resources available to international students in search of financial assistance. Securing grants and scholarships will require diligent research, but the payoff may be significant. One reference to begin with is the book: *Funding for United States Study: A Guide for International Students and Professionals*, produced by the Institute of International Education. You may also use this list of free and fee-based scholarship search engines, international student loan providers, and other informational websites to begin planning for your educational expenses in the U.S. Below are three well known scholarship programs for international students.

Fulbright Program (<http://www.iie.org/fulbright/>)

The Fulbright Program is administered in 50 countries by a Binational Commission and in other countries by the United States Department of State's overseas staff. All inquiries and requests for application forms must be submitted to your home country's Commission or post. The specific requirements of each country may be found at: <http://www.iie.org/fulbright/ff/fulbapp.htm>.

Organization of American States (OAS) (<http://www.oas.org/>)

The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) of the Organization of American States (OAS) administers one of the largest multinational fellowship and training programs. Every year, the IACD provides several hundred fellowships for graduate studies and research, scholarships for undergraduate studies, and awards for specialized, short-term training at educational institutions and training centers in member and observer states.

Fellowships are awarded to citizens or permanent residents of the OAS member states: Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Please visit their website for more information.

Rotary International Scholarships (<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/>)

The Rotary Club provides a variety of scholarships related to international education. Review the information regarding Ambassadorial Scholarships and check with your local Rotary Club.

Scholarship Sites

You should carefully review each scholarship, grant, or loan before applying. The International Students Office at CIIS has provided this list only as a resource and cannot guarantee the information provided on these sites.

- **FastWEB**

<http://www.fastweb.com>

This is a free scholarship search service that matches your background, hobbies and interests with the appropriate scholarships and grants. They will email relevant information about financial aid to you as it becomes available.

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- **Scholarship Experts**
<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com>
This is a paid scholarship service, provided by financial aid professionals, who find the most appropriate scholarships for your situation.
- **International Education Financial Aid Website**
<http://www.iefaf.org>
International students may search for scholarships based on field of study.
- **International Students Organization in America**
<http://www.isoa.org>
This site provides a partial list of scholarships and grants available to international students. For complete information, membership is required.
- **The Foundation Center**
<http://gionline.fdncenter.org/>
The Foundation Center offers a data base of scholarships, fellowships, grants and other awards. The monthly fee is \$9.95.
- **Other Free Scholarship Search Sites:**
SRN Express- <http://srnexpress.com>
The Scholarship Page- <http://scholarship-page.com>
College-Scholarships- <http://www.college-scholarships.com>

General Information

- **Association of International Educators (NAFSA)**
<http://www.nafsa.org/content/AboutInternationalEducation/ForStudents/ForeignStudentFunding.htm>
Provides advice and resources for students seeking financial assistance.
- **eduPASS**
<http://edupass.org/finaid>
Includes information for foreign students who wish to study in the U.S.
- **CampusAccess**
<http://www.campusaccess.com>
This resource is for Canadian students seeking assistance with financing their education.

For more information about financial aid offered at CIIS, please visit our website at:

http://www.ciis.edu/admissions/financial_aid.html