

College Information for International Students

What you need to know...

TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-Based Test):



- www.ets.org/toefl
- Cost \$190-\$325 (rate may change by country and test provider)
- Score range - up to 120 (minimums required range between 70 - 100)
- Students may not have to take the TOEFL if English has been the student's primary language of instruction for the duration of high school. Some colleges waive if you graduate from a US High School (eg. Univ. of Texas).
- Each school has different requirements so research your schools of choice closely to understand requirements and scores needed.

Tips: Take practice tests, read and listen to English outside of school, don't leave a question blank, practice typing as answers will be entered using a computer keyboard and the test is timed.

Financial Aid:

- Students that are in the U.S. on an F-1 or F-2 nonimmigrant student visa, or on a J-1 or J-2 nonimmigrant Exchange Visitor Visa cannot receive Federal Aid
- Check with your country's embassy or a consulate here in the U.S. or with the appropriate government office back in your country to see what they offer.
- Ask the college or career school you plan to attend whether they offer any aid for international students.
- Most of the institutional aid available to international students is reserved for graduate study in the form of assistantships and fellowships.
- Merit-based scholarships are granted on the basis of special skills, talents, or abilities. Your university may have scholarships based on TOEFL scores, academic record, artistic ability, musical ability, or athletic ability. Merit-based scholarships are usually very competitive. To be considered, you will need to demonstrate exceptional ability in the area required.
- Need-based scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Those students who can demonstrate need at a predetermined level are eligible for this type of aid.
- There are free scholarship databases as well as private, corporate, nonprofit, and government scholarship funds that serve undergraduate international students. One such online scholarship search site you can visit here: <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

Application Fees:

- The Common App does not charge an application fee for International Students.
- If applying outside the Common App, you can apply for an application fee waiver.
- Application fees range from \$50 - \$100