



**Education
USA**

Let's Get Started...

Applying for Undergraduate Study

GRADES 9 TO 11

- ☐ Obtain a valid [passport](#)
- ☐ Determine your top priorities
 - ☐ Use the [EducationUSA website](#) to begin your search
 - ☐ Schedule a free advising session with an EducationUSA adviser
 - ☐ Create a budget using a college cost [college cost calculator](#)
 - ☐ Use EducationUSA Canada resources and follow on social media
 - Find EducationUSA [events](#) online and in your area
 - Follow EducationUSA on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)
 - Subscribe to our [e-newsletter](#)
 - Read the [Study South of the Border](#) blog
 - ☐ Research and narrow your choices
 - Use college search engines (see purple box)
 - Attend an [education fair](#) near you
 - Explore college websites and take virtual campus tours
 - Schedule on-campus tours (if possible)
- ☐ Work with your Guidance Counselor to ensure prerequisite requirements are met
 - Take challenging, but achievable, coursework ([AP](#), Honors, or [IB](#) classes when offered)
- ☐ Prepare for and complete standardized testing
 - ☐ Take a [PSAT](#) for practice (optional- Grade 10 or 11)
 - ☐ Determine which tests you need to take for admissions
 - [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) (most schools); [list of test optional schools](#)
 - Non-native English speakers: [TOEFL](#), [IELTS](#), [Duolingo](#), or [Pearson](#)
 - ☐ Register for an upcoming test date
 - ☐ Create a study plan
 - Sign-up for free online resources (like [Khan Academy](#))
 - Consider enrolling in a class or hiring a tutor
- ☐ Commit to extracurriculars you care about
 - Take on leadership roles in clubs or sports
 - Develop work or volunteer experience
 - Feed your intellectual curiosity
- ☐ Apply for external scholarships (see box page 2)

**Contact your local
EducationUSA adviser at
EducationUSACanada.ca**

Search Tools
collegeboard.org
petersons.com
aacc.nche.edu
cappex.com
princetonreview.com

Test Websites
SAT: collegeboard.org
ACT: actstudent.org
TOEFL: etscanada.ca
IELTS: ieltscanada.ca
Duolingo:
englishtest.duolingo.com
Pearson: pearsonpte.com



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ADMISSIONS TIMELINE - GRADE 12

September-October

- ☐ Finalize your list of universities
- ☐ Open and work on applications
- ☐ Work closely with guidance counsellor and EducationUSA adviser
- ☐ Ask recommenders to write letters
- ☐ Write and rewrite your essays
- ☐ Take or retake standardized tests (if not completed in Grade 11)

Mid-October-December

- ☐ Early Action and Early Decision applications due (optional)
- ☐ Early Action and Early Decision admissions received
- ☐ Some Regular admissions due

January-February

- ☐ Most Regular admissions due (Jan 1)
- ☐ [CSS profile](#) for needs-based financial aid due

March-April

- ☐ Admissions decisions received

May 1

- ☐ Select your university; deposit required to secure your attendance

Application Requirements

(varies by institution)

Application
Application fee
Official transcripts
Standardized test scores
Personal essays
Letter(s) of recommendation
Proof of financial support

Funding your Studies

fundingsstudy.org
yconic.com
scholarshipscanada.com
college-scholarships.com
iefa.org
internationalscholarships.com

PREPARE FOR YOUR DEPARTURE

- ☐ Review your financial aid
 - ☐ University-provided aid (usually with admissions decision)
 - ☐ [Provincial Loans and Scholarships](#)
 - ☐ External scholarships
- ☐ [Watch](#) or attend an EducationUSA Pre-Departure orientation
- ☐ [Canadian citizens](#) do not need to apply for a student visa
 - ☐ Receive I-20 from your university and pay [SEVIS fee](#) online
 - ☐ Non-Canadian citizens, [apply for an F1 visa](#)
- ☐ [Work options](#)
 - ☐ International students can work up to 20 hours per week on campus
 - ☐ [Optional Practical Training](#) time available for 12 months or 36 months ([STEM fields](#))

Crossing the Border

Passport
I-20 or DS-2019
Proof of SEVIS payment
Driver's License
University contact info
Your new address