

While narrowing your search for a good fit U.S. university, it is critical to determine how you will fund your studies. Tuition rates and scholarship opportunities vary widely. Create a budget and target universities that have either tuition and/or scholarships that are affordable.

Contact your local  
EducationUSA adviser at  
[EducationUSAcanda.ca](http://EducationUSAcanda.ca)

**University financial aid:** This is the most likely place that international students receive scholarships. Universities may have one or more of the following options available.

- **Needs-based aid:** scholarships given based on a family's income and assets. More than sixty universities will meet an international student's full demonstrated need. Eight of these are need-blind during the admissions process, while most are need-aware.
- **Merit-based aid:** scholarships given based on the student's academic profile, usually with emphasis on grade point average (GPA) and test scores (SAT or ACT).
- **Talent-based aid:** scholarships given for athletics or the arts. Athletes will need to be recruited by coaches and meet eligibility requirements. Artists will usually need to provide an audition/portfolio.
- **Residence-based aid:** some universities provide reduced tuition or special scholarships for Canadians or residences of certain Canadian provinces (see back for more details).
- **Work-study:** aid given to students based on a certain number of work hours that they contribute throughout the school year.

**Provincial funding:** You can apply for your Canadian province's student financial aid system which typically includes scholarships and loans.

**External scholarships:** It is challenging to locate external scholarships provided by private funders that students can apply to in Canada and take to the United States. There are some that exist, but tend to be for small amounts like \$500.

**Loans:** Loans are money that you will need to pay back. You cannot take out a loan in the United States without an American co-signer. You can use Canadian bank loans to study in the USA.

### American citizens

**Government loans and scholarships:**  
[FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov)

**Popular scholarship website:**  
[Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)

### EducationUSA resources

**Scholarship search engine:**  
[educationusa.state.gov](http://educationusa.state.gov)

**Most recent update of this document:**  
[educationusacanda.ca/resources](http://educationusacanda.ca/resources)

More than 100 colleges and universities in the United States provide scholarships or reduced tuition based on Canadian citizenship or provincial residency. This list is an EducationUSA Canada compilation and is subject to change. Always refer to a university's website for its up-to-date financial aid and admissions information.

### Reduced Tuition for Canadians

Dakota College at Bottineau (North Dakota)  
D'Youville College (New York)  
Ferris State University (Michigan)  
Lake Region State College (North Dakota)  
Liberty University (Virginia)

### Reduced Tuition by Province

#### Ontario

Wayne State University (Michigan)  
University of Michigan-Flint: **Hamilton residents only**

#### Saskatchewan

Miles Community College (Montana)

#### Saskatchewan and Manitoba

Bismarck State College (North Dakota)  
Dickinson State University (North Dakota)  
Mayville State University (North Dakota)  
North Dakota State College of Sciences  
North Dakota State University  
University of North Dakota  
Valley City State College (North Dakota)

#### Inuvik, Northwest Territory and Whitehorse, Yukon

University of Alaska Fairbanks

### Scholarships for Canadians

Canisius College (New York): up to \$17,000 annually  
Davenport University (Michigan):  
up to \$6,000 annually  
North Dakota State University: various amounts  
Northern Vermont University: \$6,500  
Oakland University (Michigan): in-state  
St. Lawrence University (New York):  
up to \$50,000 annually  
University of Akron (Ohio): various

### Statewide Spotlights

#### Florida Canada Linkage Institute

[global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/](http://global.ucf.edu/linkages/fcli/)  
Canadian citizens who have been accepted to one of Florida's 40 public universities or colleges may apply for a scholarship which reduces tuition to the in-state rate.

#### Manitoba-Minnesota Reciprocity

[edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/domestic/minnesota.html](http://edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/domestic/minnesota.html)  
Residents of Manitoba are eligible for in-state tuition at any of Minnesota's 41 public universities or colleges.

#### Maine Public Universities and Colleges

Canadian citizens pay a reduced tuition rate at all 7 University of Maine and 11 Maine Community College campuses.

### #YouAreWelcomeHere scholarship

More than 60 U.S. universities have committed to awarding at least two international students ½ off tuition scholarships. See the full list at [youarewelcomehereusa.org](http://youarewelcomehereusa.org)

### EducationUSA adviser nominations

Some universities provide scholarships through nominations by an EducationUSA adviser. Contact your adviser for more information.