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**The Official EducationUSA Newsletter**

A weekly insight into current US Higher Education news and scholarships

Dear Readers,

We are now in the final stretch of the college application season, with most deadlines for fall 2017 admission approaching in early January. But that doesn't mean all opportunities for studying in the U.S. next fall have passed. Check out the [Schools in Focus](#) below, many of which are located in the relatively affordable Midwestern region of the U.S.

For another affordable option, consider applying to a two-year community college. A recent [U.S. News & World Report story](#) reports that an increasing number of U.S. community colleges are creating programs to accommodate international students. The article also mentions the [Community College Initiative Program](#): a government funded program that finances international students to spend 10 months at U.S. colleges. To learn more about the experience of attending a community college as an international student, watch this [video](#).

Have you heard of the idea of a "gap year"? A gap year is a year recent high school graduates spend working or volunteering before attending college, and it's becoming more and more popular. Read about gap years in [this article](#) from *Voice of America*. On a different note, if you are interested in sports scholarships, keep this advice from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in mind; they may be [hard to come by](#). But that doesn't mean all scholarships are as selective. Read up on the merit and need-based financial aid opportunities we highlight below.

As always, email us with any questions at educationusa@fulbright.hu

Please note that our EducationUSA Center in Budapest will be closed for WINTER BREAK from December 22, 2016 to January 2, 2017. Thank you for your understanding!

Happy Holidays!



Upcoming Workshops

GRE Workshop: December 20, Tuesday, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

If you would like to attend, please contact us by phone (+36-1462-8050) or email (educationusa@fulbright.hu) in order to register.

Regular GRE, TOEFL, SAT, and writing workshops will be resuming, after a break, in late January. Please check <http://www.fulbright.hu/test-preparation> for details.

Schools in Focus: Highlighting the Midwest

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke—a college with about 6,000 undergraduates in rural North Carolina—is one of the most affordable small liberal arts colleges in the country. Starting Fall 2017, tuition for international students will be \$5,000 per year. The deadline for Fall 2017 admission is June 30. Pembroke is happy to consult with international students one on one, so if you have more questions just contact: admissions@uncp.edu. You can learn more about Pembroke [here](#).

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois

Western Illinois University, a medium-sized Midwestern public university, offers an International Commitment Scholarship of \$3,000 to all qualifying international students who are admitted. To qualify, students must have a high school GPA of 3.5/4.0 or higher. No additional application is needed. The deadline for applying to the university is May 15. Find out more [here](#).

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Ohio University is a large public university in the Midwest that is home to a community of 30,000 students and offers majors in every field. All students who apply and submit an ACT or SAT score, including international students, are considered for merit-based financial aid. Scholarships range from \$1,000 per year to full tuition, based on a combination of the applicant's SAT or ACT score, grades, and overall achievement. Learn more about scholarships [here](#).

Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

Augustana College, a small private liberal arts college, offers a scholarship specifically for international students: the Presidential Scholarship, which comes with \$24,000 annually, covering about two thirds of tuition. Students who receive the scholarship typically have a combined SAT score of 1250 to 1280. All students who apply are automatically considered for scholarships. Applications are due by April 1st. Find out more about how to apply [here](#).

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau-Claire, Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin is one of the top-ranked public universities in the U.S. Its branch in Eau Claire is a public liberal arts college, home to just under 10,000 students. Accepted international students are considered for scholarships that range from \$2,000-\$6,000 per year. If you are interested in applying to UW Eau-Claire, start your application online [here](#) and learn more about applying for scholarships. If you finish before February 1st, you will still qualify for fall 2017 admission. Learn more on their [website](#).

New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), a private research university located in New York City, is considering international applicants for its International Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to one incoming freshman and covers the full cost of tuition (without room and board) for all four years of full-time, undergraduate study. To be considered for fall 2017 admission and the scholarship, apply before January 31. You can learn more about how to apply [here](#), and if you have any questions, feel free to contact nparis@nyit.edu.

Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington

Master of Environmental Studies degree at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington (near Seattle) offers a scholarship to international students who demonstrate need. The scholarship is equal to one-third of tuition for up to two years. Students must [apply to the program](#) by February 15, 2017 and apply for the scholarship by March 1, 2017 to be considered.

The University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

The University of New Orleans hosts masters programs in a variety of academic and professional fields. If you apply to one of its programs by March 15th and have a 3.0 GPA or higher from your undergraduate work, you might be eligible for a "Privateer" scholarship that reduces tuition to \$9,360 per year. Read up on their programs [here](#).

The University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is still accepting applications for undergraduate admission. The Office of Admission is currently awarding Centennial Scholarships ranging from \$8,750 to \$13,500. To potentially qualify, you must submit a TOEFL score and ACT or SAT score with your application. [Apply](#) before June 1 for consideration.

Central College, Pella, Iowa

Central College is a Christian small liberal arts college and a Division III athletics school. The college has introduced new international student guaranteed scholarships for IB graduates. The IB scholarship is awarded to freshman applicants who complete the IB Program (Diploma or Certificates) and who have a 5 out of 7 average on their three IB higher level courses. The scholarship is valued at US \$15,000 per academic year and is renewable for up to four years.

Don't Miss It!

University of Pennsylvania Massive Online Open Course: Applying to U.S. Universities

Enroll now for course beginning Dec. 26.

Looking for more detailed information about how to apply to college in the U.S.?

This course will help international students and non-native English speakers navigate the U.S. university admission process by offering practical information about the components of a U.S. university application. More importantly, admission officers will discuss how they use those pieces to decide who is accepted and who is denied, so that you can understand the process beyond the pieces. You can enroll [here](#).

Central European University Call for Master's and Doctoral Applications

Central European University in Budapest has opened its call for applications to its master's and doctoral programs in social sciences and related fields. In 2015-16, 85% of CEU students received financial aid. Register [here](#) and receive more information about CEU's programs and how to apply.

EducationUSA Academy at the University of North Georgia

The #EdUSA Academy at University of North Georgia offers the natural beauty of mountains, streams, and forests, and a terrific opportunity to improve your English and prepare for university-level studies in the United States. Students will be in a small, friendly, and safe town, with opportunities to experience local culture and build friendships with American high school students. Students will improve their English skills in an interactive and fun environment and visit famous American universities such as Georgia Institute of Technology and Savannah College of Art and Design. Applications are available here: <http://ow.ly/MOg6306InVJ>

Learn About More Financial Aid Opportunities

The EducationUSA website includes a list of many scholarships and fellowships. View a full list here: <http://bit.ly/1MmaHVY>

We hope to see you at an upcoming test preparation workshop, writing workshop, or in an individual counseling session with our Fulbright ETA.

All the best,

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