Scholarships can be invaluable for international students coming to the U.S.; however, they cannot be relied on to cover all your college expenses. Whether you’re an incoming first year or you instead decide to go to the U.S. for graduate school, it’s important to recognize that scholarship applications are competitive and will take time.

Most individuals have heard about scholarships for good grades and for student-athletes but there are other scholarships available as well for dance, art and music.

Most scholarship information can be found online for free, if you take the time to search. Your first step should be to visit each college’s website and find their listed opportunities, but looking further afield is also important. EducationUSA suggests that you set up a profile on scholarship search sites and consider starting with College Greenlight.

You can continue searching for scholarship funds even after you lodge your college applications—in fact, you can do this right up until your start date and even during college.

**Helpful links**

- College Greenlight
- International scholarships
- International scholarship searches
- CollegeBoard scholarship searches
- Admission statistics