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### On the Web

EducationUSA's website at [www.educationusa.state.gov](http://www.educationusa.state.gov) has a wealth of information on undergraduate, graduate and other higher education opportunities in the U.S. We offer unbiased information on choosing a school, obtaining a visa, tips on pre-departure and more.



### More About EducationUSA

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 450 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Our goal is to foster mutual understanding between the United States and other countries by promoting personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad.

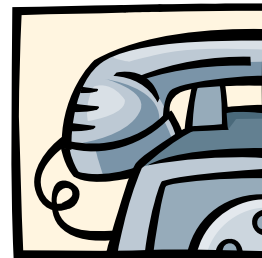


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### Contact Your Local EducationUSA Advising Center to Learn More!

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*Please contact the EducationUSA adviser in your area for details about the Opportunity Grants, including application forms, requirements, and eligible award categories. For a complete listing of educationUSA advisers in the Philippines, please visit [www.paef.org.ph](http://www.paef.org.ph) (educational advising center section).*



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### Opportunity Grants (OG): Helping You Take the Next Step Toward Study in the U.S.!

Opportunity Grants (OG) are small grants to support talented international students who may need financial assistance to take the next steps toward study in the United States at an accredited institution of higher learning.

These grants are available to help cover the upfront costs of seeking higher education in the U.S., and are part of EducationUSA's broad range of assistance to international students.

We want to demonstrate that international students like you are welcome in the U.S., and increase access to U.S. institutions of higher learning for deserving students who have broad interests and ambitions but modest means. These grants make it possible for students who would be otherwise unable to afford the costly application process to take the next step toward an education in the United States.



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## What Can the Grants Pay For?

- Testing fees, including additional score reports, for TOEFL, SAT, GRE and other specialized tests required by U.S. institutions.
- Round-trip transportation and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals at testing sites located far from the student's home.
- Application fees for U.S. institutions to which the student is applying.
- International courier fees to ensure the student's application package reaches U.S. institutions.



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- Costs related to applying for the appropriate U.S. visa.
- Round-trip transportation to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate and, if necessary, overnight accommodation and meals for student visa applicants.
- Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee.
- International airfare costs to the U.S. institution where the student will begin studies.
- In-transit allowance.
- Limited financial aid to supplement assistance offered by an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning when the offer falls short of meeting the student's needs.



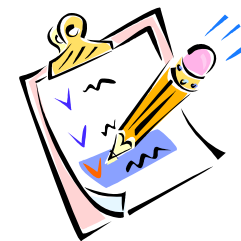
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## How to Apply

Students who wish to apply should simply contact an adviser at the nearest EducationUSA advising center in the Philippines for details.

Contact information is included in this pamphlet, and a full list of advising centers worldwide is available online [www.educationusa.state.gov/centers](http://www.educationusa.state.gov/centers).

Remember, Opportunity Grants (OG) are here to help you take the next step toward an American higher education. You may apply early in the process of applying to go to the U.S., for help with testing fees, or you may apply after acceptance at a school in the United States, for limited financial aid funds to help pay for your studies.



This program is only open to students who will not receive a Fulbright or other U.S. Government-sponsored grant, or other scholarships (e.g., Ford, Rotary).