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PREPARING FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

Guidelines on How to Apply to Colleges and Universities in the United States
(for students who have completed the *gymnasium* but not Swedish university studies)

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- Higher Education in the United States
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- Request for Application Material (RAM-form)
- Peterson's International Network Undergraduate Student Questionnaire (also see note below)



◆ **Free book and information:**

You can get a free 612-page book entitled "Applying to Colleges and Universities in the U.S." and information directly from U.S. universities interested in international students. These are free services from the publisher, Peterson's, and from the universities. The book contains useful information on U.S. two-year and four-year colleges, such as addresses, estimated costs, required tests, and application deadline dates. To receive the book by mail, fill out the attached Peterson's questionnaire and return it to the Fulbright Commission together with an administrative handling fee of SEK 20:- and a sturdy self-addressed C4 envelope, stamped with postage for 1.0 kilo (SEK 44:-). See Section 8 for instructions on filling out the form.

The Fulbright Commission provides comprehensive and unbiased information on all accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. There is an extensive library with university catalogs, reference books on higher education and financial aid, video presentations of many universities and much other useful material. Educational advisory services are offered by mail and telephone. You can also book an appointment with an educational adviser.

1. SELECTING A COLLEGE. ACCREDITATION.

For admission to an American college, a Swedish student should have completed *gymnasieskolan*. (For further details on the U.S. system of education, read the attachment entitled "Higher Education in the United States.")

The academic year at U.S. colleges and universities generally begins in August or September, and you should start to apply at least one year before you want to begin your studies. Application deadlines vary greatly, but some are as early as November for enrollment the following autumn. A few schools have deadlines as late as July the same year.

Since there are approximately 3,500 accredited institutions of higher education in the U.S., you should be prepared to devote considerable time to selecting the right one. There are many important academic aspects to consider when choosing a school such as which subjects you want to study, entrance requirements, competitiveness and application deadlines, as well as practical ones such as location, the setting (urban or rural), climate, extracurricular activities, and the size of the school.

You need to consider the costs for an academic year. Both private and state institutions charge tuition and fees, which can range from \$4,000 - \$29,000 for an academic year. This is the cost just to attend a university. In addition, room and board (meals) will cost between \$4,000 - \$14,000. Private expenses including insurance coverage will amount to at least \$1,800. For one academic year (nine months) you will probably need from \$10,000 - \$45,000 to cover tuition and fees, room and board, and private expenses. Further, you have to calculate with travel costs.

In the United States, there is no central office authorizing the universities to operate. Instead, there are recognized accrediting organizations. *Högskoleverket* and *Centrala Studiestödsnämnden* (CSN) require that you attend a regionally accredited school. If you are planning to study for a complete undergraduate degree, and later need an evaluation of your degree here in Sweden, you should check with *Högskoleverket* before you leave for the United States.

In addition to the accreditation of the university, there are recognized organizations accrediting specific educational programs in fields such as Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering, Journalism, Nursing, and many others. This type of accreditation is called professional accreditation, and is especially important if you intend to earn a degree in those fields.

In summary:

- If you want to get the free Peterson's book, which you can use as a reference for addresses, information on tests required, costs, deadline dates, and general descriptions of the schools, send the Peterson's questionnaire to the Fulbright Commission (see instructions on front page).
- If you want information on your major subject, contact the Fulbright Commission.
- If you want to sign up to attend an information meeting, call the Fulbright Commission. The sessions are usually held on Wednesday mornings at 9:15.

2. REQUESTING APPLICATIONS

After narrowing down your choice of institutions to a limited number (approximately 5 - 10), write to the Office of Admissions at the institutions in which you are interested. You can find the addresses and deadline dates in the free Peterson's book or in other handbooks available at the Fulbright Commission.

To contact the university you can send a completed copy of the form "Request for Application Material" (the RAM-form) to the admissions office. It does not cost anything to submit the RAM-form, and at this stage you should not enclose any other documents. Naturally you can write a personal letter or send an e-mail instead and include the same information as you would on the RAM-form.

Under item 8 on the RAM-form, clearly indicate whether you primarily intend to study for only one year as a special student/non-degree student, or if you want to earn a degree. Under item 11, you can indicate if you want to apply for financial aid from the university.

As a special student/non-degree student you are not enrolled in a degree program but are usually free to choose and combine courses in which you are interested. If you apply to a degree program, there are a number of compulsory courses in various fields of study that you need to take in order to fulfill the requirements for your degree. Not all universities admit students as one-year special students/non-degree students.

3. STEPS TO TAKE WHILE WAITING FOR APPLICATIONS

When you have sent your RAM-form(s) or your letter(s), take the following steps:

- Register for and take the test(s) required by the schools. (Indicated in the Peterson's book but needs to be confirmed by the college(s) to which you are applying.)
- Check possibilities for financial aid.

Register for and take test(s)

Almost all colleges and universities require international students, whose native language is not English, to take an English language test, usually the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Some universities accept other language tests than the TOEFL. You should check this directly with the schools that you are applying to. For detailed information about the TOEFL and where and when you can take the test you can visit the TOEFL web site at <http://www.toefl.org>. For instructions on how to send for the TOEFL-bulletin from the Fulbright Commission, please see below.

Some colleges and universities also require international students to take the SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test) and in some cases also one or more SAT II (Subject Tests). The SAT I is a multiple-choice test of one's ability to reason verbally and mathematically. The SAT II are tests of abilities developed in 22 subjects. You should check the entrance requirements for the universities to which you intend to apply to find out if you must take the SAT I and which, if any, SAT II subject tests you should take. In the SAT-bulletin you find the dates when the tests are given and a list of test centers in Sweden. The SAT is given six times a year. The first test in each academic year is usually given in October, and the last in June. There are no tests given between June and October. One cannot take both the SAT I and the SAT II on the same test date. Up-dated information about additional test centers can be found on the SAT web site:

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

(If you are planning to apply for athletic scholarships, you should register for the SAT I test, as all universities require the test of athletic scholarship applicants.)

Application forms for the TOEFL and the SAT can be requested from the Fulbright Commission. The application forms and information bulletins are free of charge. You pay only for the postage.

- For the TOEFL bulletin, send a self-addressed C4 envelope, stamped with postage for 250 g (=4 stamps or SEK 22:-) and write "TOEFL" on the envelope.
- For the SAT I bulletin, send a self-addressed C4 envelope, stamped with postage for 250 g (=4 stamps or SEK 22:-) and write "SAT I" on the envelope. (If you need both SAT I and II, mark the envelope with both tests and stamp it with postage for 500 g (=6 stamps or SEK 33:-)
- For both the TOEFL and SAT I bulletins, send a self-addressed C4 envelope, stamped with postage for 500 g (=6 stamps or SEK 33:-) and write "TOEFL and SAT I" on the envelope.

- If you need bulletins for all three tests, TOEFL, SAT I, and SAT II, send a self-addressed C4 envelope, stamped with postage for 1 kg (=8 stamps or SEK 44:-) and write "TOEFL, SAT I, and SAT II" on the envelope.

Some universities require the ACT (American College Testing). This test is given in Sweden a few times a year. Complete information on the ACT can be found at <http://www.act.org>

Your test scores are important and you should prepare for the tests. The Fulbright Commission has study guides for the ACT and SAT-tests for sale. Information on the material for sale is included when you send for the test bulletins.

Check possibilities for financial aid

You can apply for financial aid/scholarships both from American universities and from Swedish organizations. (The Fulbright Commission does not offer grants for undergraduate study, but only for graduate study or postdoctoral lecturing/research.)

Financial aid/scholarships from U.S. institutions

It is very difficult for foreign students to get financial aid from U.S. colleges and universities, as competition for scholarships is extreme. If you have an excellent school record or are good at a sport, you might be able to apply for financial aid/scholarships from the American institutions. Indicate your interest in financial assistance on the RAM-form, item 11, or in your letter.

Financial aid from Swedish institutions

For information on receiving Swedish *studiemedel* to help finance your studies in the United States, contact *Centrala Studiestödsnämnden* (CSN) in the following way:

Students born between day 1 and 15 of a month should contact the CSN office in Eskilstuna.
 Students born between day 16 and 31 of a month should contact the CSN office in Gothenburg.
 Students applying for health and pilot education, should contact the CSN Stockholm office.
 Use the same telephone number: 0771-276 000 for all inquiries. More information can be found on the CSN homepage at <http://www.csn.se>

Financial aid handbooks

Several handbooks on Swedish scholarships are available at bookstores, libraries, and at the Fulbright Commission. Listed below are a few books on Swedish grants:

- *Fonder & Stipendier i Sverige*, by K. Dahlberg (Svensk Stipendieförmedling)
- *Kulturfonder i Sverige*, 9th edition, by Kurt Lehmann and Wilhelm Odelberg (Norstedts, 1999)
- *Stipendieguiden*, by P. Eckner and K. Gullström (Skandinavisk Stipendieinformation)
- *Stipendiehandbok för kvinnor*, by Gunilla Carstensen (Brombergs, 1994)
- *Stora Fondboken*, by Lars Hellman (Stöd & Stipendier i Stockholm)

4. SENDING IN APPLICATIONS

When you receive the applications, you should make your final choice of preferred institutions. We recommend that you apply to 3 - 5 institutions, your top preferences, as well as one or more other choices, "just in case".

Institutions differ in their procedures and requirements for admission. Each will specify which documents and information it requires. Follow the instructions carefully. In addition to the application form, some or all of the items listed below can be required.

- **Application fee.** Most colleges charge an application fee, often ranging between \$25 - \$75. This fee usually must be sent with the application. It is not refundable.

- **Copies and certified translations of official records of your previous education.** You should get a copy of your *avgångsbetyg/slutbetyg från gymnasieskolan*, as well as a certified translation and an explanation of grades. Some schools have preprinted forms. In some cases, you might be able to make your own translations and have them certified by your *gymnasieskola* or by *Notarius Publicus*. You can also consult an *Auktoriserad Översättare* but their services are expensive. Both *Notarii Publici* and *Översättare* are listed in *Gula Sidorna* of the telephone directory. For the old *gymnasieexamen*, you can contact *Libers Publikationstjänst*, Liber Distribution AB, Fagerstag. 21, 162 89 Stockholm, tel: 08/690 95 00, for a sample of how to translate your grades. For information on translations of the *gymnasieprogram*, contact your *gymnasieskola* or check *Skolverkets* homepage, where you will find information on translations and also descriptions of your program in English. The address is: <http://www.skolverket.se/> For translations of university transcripts, contact the appropriate office at your university.

The Swedish system with *vidimering* of documents is not accepted in the United States. All copies of documents need to be officially certified.

- **Evidence of English proficiency**, usually in the form of the TOEFL (see Section 3).
- **Academic entrance examinations**, usually the SAT I and the SAT II (see Section 3).
- **Letters of recommendation.** These play an important part in the admission process, and it is essential that you request them only from those upper secondary school and/or university teachers who are able to provide a thorough assessment of your academic performance. Letters of recommendation are confidential and must be sent directly to the university by the person recommending you. Remember to emphasize the necessity of their reaching the U.S. institutions before the deadline date.
- **Statement of finances.** Many colleges require students to submit proof of their financial resources for study in the U.S. This may be a section of the application or a separate form. If you plan to apply for study loans, CSN has special forms (*intyg om studiefinansiering*) which can be used. You may also be asked to get a statement from a bank that you (or your parents) have sufficient funds to support your studies (see Section 9 for sample letter).
- **Financial aid forms** (if financial aid is offered).
- **Essay.** Some colleges will require an essay on either a special topic or a topic chosen by the applicant. The length of the essay varies, and it is essential to follow the instructions given in the application form.

Before sending your application, check that it has been filled out carefully, neatly and completely and that all requested documents are enclosed. Incomplete applications risk not being considered.

5. ANSWERING ACCEPTANCES. ARRANGING HOUSING. INSURANCE.

It usually takes several months for colleges to make decisions on which students to admit. Some institutions notify students on a given date. Others review applications individually, and notify students right away ("rolling admissions"). Once you have been admitted, mail your application form for housing as soon as possible, since student housing fills up quickly. We recommend that you start out by living in student housing (dormitories), as it is easier to make friends upon arrival at a new campus, practical to have room and meals arranged for, and usually cheaper than living alone in an apartment.

Once you have accepted an offer of admission, a commitment to attend the college has been made. You may be required to send a deposit of \$50 - \$500 as an indication of your intention to enroll. Besides writing a letter of acceptance to the institution whose admission you want to accept, you should also notify the institutions whose offers of admission you decline.

Find out about the health insurance plan that your university offers. Some universities require that all international students be covered under the university insurance plan, while others accept insurance plans arranged in the home country. Be very careful in checking the various possibilities, as having good insurance coverage is imperative in the United States. CSN offers an insurance plan at a reasonable cost. You should also check the university's immunization regulations.

6. VISAS

After you accept an offer of admission, the school will send you a Certificate of Eligibility (referred to as the I-20 form) which you need for a student visa (F-1 visa). After you have received your I-20 form, contact the Consular Section of the American Embassy, 115 89 Stockholm (Monday-Thursday, 9:00-11:00, tel: 08/783 54 69, fax: 08/660 58 79), for instructions on how to apply for a student visa. Information can also be found at the Embassy homepage: www.usemb.se

7. ARRIVAL AT COLLEGE AND REGISTRATION

After arriving on campus, visit the international student adviser, who is responsible for helping international students with social adjustment and practical matters. It is very important that you ask about registration procedures and meet with your academic adviser. You must register for classes as early as possible to ensure that you can enroll in the courses you wish to take.

Most colleges and universities have an orientation period before classes begin to help acquaint new students with the school and with campus life. Some have a special orientation program for international students as well. These programs provide an invaluable introduction to American study and academic life and we strongly encourage you to participate.

8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PETERSON'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Write legibly to ensure that the universities get the correct information. Below is clarification of specific items on the form:

Item 3. When entering the Field of Study codes, you can be as specific or as general as you wish. For example: If you are only interested in Jazz Music, you should enter code 50.0992, but if you are interested in Music in general, enter code 50.0901. You can enter three codes and the entered subjects do not have to be connected in any way. You can choose entirely according to your interests. If you have not yet decided, check the box for Undecided.

Items 7 and 8. You need not have registered or taken the tests to send in the questionnaire. If you do not have information on test dates yet, leave these sections blank. (For more information on the tests, see Section 3.)

Item 10. Here you enter the name of your school, e.g. *Katedralskolan*.

Item 11. Enter the year you finished, or will finish, your *gymnasieutbildning*.

Item 12. Do not translate your degree into English. Write *slutbetyg* in Swedish (for the old *gymnasielinjer*, write *gymnasieexamen*).

Item 13. As Sweden does not have this grading system, write N/A (not applicable) in the margin or make an estimate if you want to answer.

9. SAMPLE OF FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION FORM

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been informed that Mr. Bo Ek (Swedish ID-number xx), born on January 1, 1984, intends to study at a university in the United States, and that he has been requested to submit evidence that he has sufficient funds at his disposal for this purpose.

Mr. Ek's mother, Ms. Eva Ek, is a valued client of our bank and has declared herself prepared to pay the costs of her son's stay in the United States and his return to Sweden. We hereby certify that her account No. xx shows a balance as of today of SEK xx, the counter-value of which is, at the present rate of exchange, about U.S. dollars xx.

(dated and signed by bank employee and written on official bank letterhead)



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

The term "higher education" is used to indicate studies beyond secondary school (*efter gymnasieskolan*). It includes two-year community or junior colleges, four-year colleges, universities and professional schools. Admission to higher education usually requires the completion of upper-secondary school (*gymnasium*) or the equivalent.

In general, the terms "college" and "university" are used interchangeably. A college can be defined as an institution of higher education that offers four-year programs of undergraduate study leading to a bachelor's degree (similar to, for instance, a *fil kand or civilekonomexamen*), or two-year programs leading to "associate degrees" (no Swedish equivalent).

Institutions with two-year programs are referred to as junior or community colleges. They can offer academic as well as vocational programs, are less competitive, have later deadlines for application and may have lower tuition charges. Most two-year schools do not offer housing.

A university is a collective institution that usually includes one or more four-year undergraduate colleges (schools), a graduate school awarding master's and doctoral degrees in the humanities, the arts, the social and natural sciences, and graduate professional schools (for instance in dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, and veterinary medicine).

During the four years of a college or university program leading to a bachelor's degree, the student is known as an undergraduate. The student is classified according to the year of study: first year--freshman, second year--sophomore, third year--junior, fourth year--senior. Some bachelor's degrees require five years of undergraduate study, e.g. programs in architecture, art, and engineering.

During their first two years at college, students usually follow a general program of courses in a variety of fields. Many of these courses are compulsory for all undergraduate students regardless of the final area of specialization (major). Some compulsory courses could be American history, American government, English composition, mathematics, a second language, and physical education. American undergraduates study several different subjects simultaneously during an academic term, as opposed to the Swedish university approach of studying one subject at a time. The purpose of the first two years of general study is to help the student decide the area of study in which to specialize and to complete the general course requirements for graduation. Before beginning their third year of instruction, students select their major, and the majority of the course work during the last two or three years is in this or related fields.

In setting up requirements for diplomas or degrees, most colleges and universities measure the quantity of study by credit hours. (Some universities in California still use a system with units instead of credits.) Each hour of attendance at a course, each week, for one semester or quarter, gives the student one semester or quarter hour of credit. Thus a course which meets three hours a week for one semester gives a student three credits. The average undergraduate student takes 12 to 16 credit hours per semester or quarter.

The quality of work done by a student in a course is recorded at the end of a term in the form of a letter or number grade. The grade is based on the student's performance on short examinations (quizzes), midterm examination, final examination, participation in class discussions, and written papers during the term.

The following is a list of letter grades, the degree of proficiency and quality points each represents:

Letter grade	A	B	C	D	F
Degree of proficiency	Excellent	Good	Average	Passing	Failure
Quality points	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0

Examinations are generally written rather than oral, and short examinations are given at intervals during the term. Written papers are also part of the course work. A final examination is given at the end of the course. At the end of the four-year program, many institutions require a comprehensive examination covering all aspects of the major field.

The study pace at American universities is generally very high. Furthermore, deadlines for homework and reports are not negotiable and tests cannot be retaken!

Certain professional programs such as dentistry, medicine, law and veterinary medicine can be started only after a student has obtained a bachelor's degree. Many of the schools of dentistry, medicine, law and veterinary medicine do not accept international students into their first professional programs.

Schools offering chiropractic education require two years of university study before a student can be admitted. Many programs in physical and occupational therapy can only be started after a bachelor's degree. A teaching certificate requires a year of study after the bachelor's degree.

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USEFUL INTERNET ADDRESSES

Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/NLE/USNEI/>
and <http://www.students.gov>
Peterson's Education Center: <http://www.petersons.com/educationusa>
Information on the SAT test, and on colleges and universities: <http://www.collegeboard.com>
Information on the TOEFL test: <http://www.toefl.org>
CollegeNet: Internet Guide to Colleges and Universities: <http://www.collegenet.com/>
List of U.S. college websites and e-mail addresses: <http://www.novakint.com/colleges>
Links to on-line college application forms: <http://www.collegescape.com>
Information on university study by subject: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/chhome.html>
Information on 250 private colleges: <http://www.collegexpress.com>
Information on both state and private colleges: <http://www.collegeview.com>
Information on most of the American colleges and universities, on-line applications, and possibilities to chat with students: <http://www.embark.com>

Financial aid/scholarships:
<http://www.edupass.org/finaid>
<http://www.lychnis.com/se>
<http://www.syoguiden.com>
<http://www.mytellus.com>

Information on language programs: <http://www.language-course-finder.com>

College athletics:
<http://www.universitysports.com/>
<http://www.ncaa.org>
<http://www.naia.org>

Career information:
Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco>
Connecting with working professionals: <http://www.futurescan.com>

Information on the Swedish educational system in English and translations of your *gymnasieprogram* can be found at *Skolverkets* homepage: <http://www.skolverket.se/>

Information on *studiemedel*: <http://www.csn.se>

To the applicant: To obtain application forms for admission to a U.S. school, college, or university, complete this form and send it AIR MAIL to the Admissions Officer at the institution that interests you. It is best to apply at least one academic year before you expect to begin your U.S. studies.

IMPORTANT

- Read the **ENTIRE** form before answering the questions
- **PRINT** your answers in ink, or use a typewriter
- Answer in English, except for names of degrees, titles, certificates, etc.
Give the names of these in the original language(s), using the roman alphabet
- Do **NOT** attach documents at this stage.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION MATERIAL

Dear Admissions Officer:

I would like to apply for admission to your institution. My qualifications are outlined below. If they meet your requirements, please send me an application form and information about foreign student admissions. Thank you.

1. My name: _____
First name Middle name Last name(s)
Important: Please circle family name

2. My address for reply: _____

3. Date of Birth _____ 4. Male Female 5. Married Unmarried
(Month/Day/Year)

6. Citizen of _____ 7. Primary language spoken in my home: _____
(Country)

8. I wish to enroll in a (check one) associate degree bachelor's degree master's degree non-degree/special
 doctoral degree program in _____ for the term beginning Fall Spring, _____
(field of study) (Year)

9. I have completed years of formal study of the English language at (list institutions and dates):

TOEFL score, if available _____

10. I expect to have an estimated \$ _____ in U.S. dollars available each year for tuition and expenses
in the United States. The source of this income is: _____

11. Please check one: I plan to I do NOT plan to request financial aid from your institution.
If financial aid is not available, I do do not wish to be considered for admission.

12. I have taken, or plan to take, the following standardized tests. (Give dates taken or when you expect to take them)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOEFL _____
Date | <input type="checkbox"/> ACT _____
Date | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Language Test _____
Date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRE _____
Date | <input type="checkbox"/> SAT _____
Date | <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement tests _____
Field of Study/Date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GMAT _____
Date | <input type="checkbox"/> TSE* _____
Date | _____
Field of Study/Date |

Other standardized tests, e.g., O levels, I have taken or plan to take:
Name of test Date

* The Test of Spoken English is especially important for graduate students seeking teaching assistantships

13. EDUCATION

(Please provide information for all institutions attended since primary school, beginning with the most recent. Attach additional page if necessary.)

Name of School, College or University	City, Country	Dates Attended 20__ to 20__	Major Field of Study	Primary Language of Instruction	Degree, Diploma, Title Earned or Expected <i>(Do not translate into English)</i>	Date Earned or Expected

14. Grade average _____ or class rank _____ in a class of _____ at institution currently or most recently attended.

15. I propose to undertake the following plan of study in the United States. *(This information is required for graduate students, optional but desirable for undergraduate applicants).*

16. I would like to receive information on your English as a Second Language programs at your school. Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

PETERSON'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORK UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2002-2003

The International Student Network is an information system that links international students with colleges and universities in the United States. To become a part of this network, please fill out this questionnaire. When you have completed this questionnaire, kindly return it to your educational adviser and receive a copy of *Peterson's Applying to Colleges and Universities in the United States*. Peterson's will share the information you provide us in this questionnaire with our network schools. The colleges and universities will send you more complete information, including catalogs and application forms. We wish you success in your search for a college or university in the United States.

PRINT VERY CLEARLY. USE ENGLISH LETTERS ONLY.

Write your name and address below **EXACTLY** as if you were mailing a letter to yourself.

Please provide an address that will be valid for 3 months.

Date: _____

Your name in full:

*Given/First _____ *Family/Last (Surname) _____

*Mailing Address (please include city, state/province, and postal code) _____

*Country _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ Date of birth _____ | _____ | _____ Gender: Male Female

* Indicates a required field Day Month Year

Answer all the following questions as completely as possible.

- *1. Country of citizenship: _____
2. I want to enter a college or university in academic year:
 (check one)
 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006
 I am interested in midyear admission
3. I am interested in the following fields of study (major): (Please use the 6-digit codes listed beside the majors printed on the back of this form.)

 Undecided
4. I will be sponsored by:
 Family/Myself Government Private Organization Other

 I/my sponsor will be able to contribute toward the total cost of my education (tuition & cost of living) each year: (check one)
 US\$5000 to US\$10,000 US\$20,001 to US\$25,000
 US\$10,001 to US\$15,000 Over US\$25,000
 US\$15,001 to US\$20,000
5. I would prefer to attend: (check one)
 2-year institution (first 2 years—associate degree)
 4-year institution (bachelor's degree)
 I have no preference
6. I am interested in attending a college or university in the following regions of the United States: (check all that apply)
 I have no preference
 Middle Atlantic (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)
 Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin)
 New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
 Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)
 Southwest (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)
 West (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)
7. I took the TOEFL in: _____ / _____ / _____
month / year
 Please check one test format below and include the score in the space provided:
 Paper and Pencil Test: _____ (scale 310-677)
 Computer-Based Test: _____ (scale 40-300)
 I will take the TOEFL in: _____ / _____ / _____
month / year
8. I took the SAT in: _____ / _____ / _____
month / year
 My verbal score was: _____
 My math score was: _____
 I will take the SAT I in: _____ / _____ / _____
month / year
9. I would like information on intensive English language programs in the United States: Yes No
10. The full name and location of my secondary/high school is:
 _____ / _____
name country
11. I will finish/have finished secondary/high school in: _____
year
12. The certificate I will receive at the end of my secondary/ high school studies is called: (print carefully)

13. My average grade in my last year of study was: (check one)
 A (90-100%) C (70-79%) F (0-59%)
 B (80-89%) D (60-69%)
14. For students who have attended one or more years at a university: I have completed _____ years of university-level education at: _____
name of university
15. Check here if you **do** wish to receive information on products and services related to studying in the U.S.

