



EDUCATION USA PROGRAM 2016 APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Embassy's EducationUSA (EdUSA) Program. By completing this application you are taking the first step in a process that will allow us to learn more about you, your achievements, and your future goals.

EdUSA at Embassy Lusaka guides talented and determined students through the admissions process for colleges and universities in the United States. Selected students will attend regular seminars that will assist them through the application process. Students will work with our educational advising staff over this year and the next year to try to secure admission and financial assistance to begin study in the United States in August 2017

Please note that **entrance into this program provides no guarantee of admittance to a university or financial assistance to study in the United States.** Additionally, Embassy Lusaka **does not provide financial support to all of the EdUSA members in the admissions process.** Students must understand and be prepared to pay for the costs of the university application process, which may include but are not limited to:

- Registration fees for required SAT and TOEFL examinations
- College application fees
- Transportation and accommodation costs to travel to Lusaka
- FedEx and application mailing fees
- Lunches and snacks during our monthly meetings

With this in mind, students admitted to the EdUSA program must be prepared to dedicate their time and energy to the program. With the right commitment, focused determination, hard work, and support from the EdUSA advising staff, you can be successful in your dreams of pursuing higher education in the United States.

To apply, you **must** currently be a determined and hardworking student. Ideal candidates demonstrate:

- Strong academic record
- Evidence of leadership
- Service to community and school
- Outstanding character

The application process is as follows:

- Submit your completed **written application by February 10, 2016**
- Selected candidates will **interview** with Embassy staff during the week of February 29
- Program participants will be **announced on March 10.**

We are pleased that you have chosen to apply for the EdUSA program and wish you continued success as you pursue your dreams.

WRITTEN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The EdUSA program application consists of five components, all of which must be fully completed. **We cannot evaluate applications that are incomplete.**

- A. Personal Data Form
- B. Academic Information
- C. Activity Information
- D. Short Answer Questions
- E. Personal Essay

A complete application will include:

- The following 6 pages, with your name on each page of the application
- Copies of your last two school reports
- Copies of your national exam results

You may **submit your application** to the U.S. Embassy:

- **Via email** to EDULusaka@state.gov (This is the preferred method!)
- **Via hand delivery** to the U.S. Embassy Lusaka building located at Ibex Hill Rd, Kabulonga District, Lusaka 10101

All applications must be **received** by 17:00 hrs **February 10, 2016**. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. EducationUSA Zambia reserves the sole right to determine the timeliness of applications.**

If you are selected to proceed to the interview stage, to be held the week of February 29, 2016, the Educational Advisor will contact you.

Applicant Name:

A. PERSONAL DATA FORM

(Please type or write clearly in ink using only CAPITAL LETTERS!)

Surname (Family Name): _____

First Names (Given Names): _____

Sex: F M Nationality: _____ Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Day Month Year

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: (+ _____) _____ Other Phone: (+ _____) _____
Country code Country codePermanent Address: _____
Country**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**Living with: Parent(s) Relative(s) Other

Name(s)/Relationship to you: _____

Phone & Email 1: _____ Phone & Email 2: _____

Additional Personal information

1. Mother's current occupation and workplace, if living (Be specific, even if self-employed):

2. Father's current occupation and workplace, if living (Be specific, even if self-employed):

3. If parents are deceased, state name, relationship to you, occupation/workplace of your legal guardian:

4. Number of direct siblings, their ages, and for each one, state whether or not they are in school, which school and in what grade or form or level. :

5. Number of other dependent people currently living with and supported by your family and their relationships to you:

6. Amount of your school fees (inclusive of all top-up fees and levies and boarding fees) for first term in grade 12:

7. Who currently pays for your school fees? Are you on any bursary/scholarship? If so, how much does the bursary cover?

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8. If your fees are paid by a relative other than your parents, how many other children's fees are paid for by this same person? Do you live with this relative?

9. Have you or your siblings ever missed a significant part of a school term(s) because of finances? IF so, please explain.

Question 10 is for those from outside of Lusaka area only:

10. If you live far from Lusaka, do you have someone you can stay with in Lusaka when you are attending EducationUSA meetings, exams and courses? Please state person's name, relationship to you, physical address and contact telephone number:

11. What else should we know about your economic and personal background, your family and your financial situation? Feel free to use the back or an extra sheet of paper if this space is too small so we can truly understand your situation.

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B. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you currently a student? YES NO

Name of your current or most recent education institution:

_____ Location: _____

Highest level of education achieved: (Secondary School, diploma, bachelor, master, etc.)

If currently studying, what degree are you seeking? (O-Levels, IB, diploma, bachelor, master, etc.)

_____ Field: _____

If currently studying, please list the subjects you are taking and circle your strongest subject:

If applicable, when are you writing your exams?

What, if any, is the most important academic prize or honor you have been awarded?

Please attach copies of your last two school reports.

Please attach copies of national exam results.

How did you **first** learn about The U.S. Embassy's EdUSA program? (please mark only **one**)

- Information session / presentation (please specify location):
- Teacher, principal or counsellor (please list name):
- Friend, parent, guardian or relative (please specify and list name):
- Your own search on the Internet
- Other, e.g., newspaper, magazine, radio (please specify):
- Facebook or other social media (please specify):

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D. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What do you hope to study at university? What is your career interest? How did you develop your interest in this field of study and career path? *Please limit your response to less than 150 words.*

2. From your own personal life experiences, please describe a situation or event where everything did not go according to plan. In other words, reflect upon a personal setback or a situation where you had to overcome something. How did you cope with it and what was learned from the situation? *Please limit your response to less than 150 words.*

3. What is your greatest achievement so far? *Please limit your response to less than 150 words.*

4. Describe yourself. You may use words, pictures, symbols, equations – anything you would like. *Please limit your response to less than 150 words.*

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E. PERSONAL ESSAY

Choose ONE of the following essay prompts. **Write one essay**, keeping your response **between 250 – 500 words**.

1. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
2. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
3. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
4. A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix at university. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.

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Opportunity Funds Students – Financial aid is available for the EdUSA program. Based upon your application answers and your financial situation, we are looking to award financial aid to the top 20 qualified EdUSA applicants.

Financial Aid Criteria:

- Family income
- Location
- Additional individual special circumstances

I hereby certify that all information is truthfully and accurately presented and my work alone.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Name: