The cost of a U.S. education can be very expensive. The best source for financial assistance for international students is often in their home country. Since the U.S. government does not provide funding for foreign nationals to study in the U.S., students should make every effort to identify potential funding sources (national, provincial or private) before coming to the U.S.

Without a specific Mason Gross Scholarship fund for international applicants, students are encouraged to appeal to their government for sponsorship and other special scholarships. There are independent scholarships programs available for international students, and ones with special talents.

Most grants, scholarships, and loans from public and private sources in the United States are restricted to U.S. citizens or permanent residents, limiting the amount of information international students can find about financial aid from U.S. sources. Scholarships may be an option, and we should suggest using the Internet as a means to research them.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS**
The website [http://www.Edupass.org](http://www.Edupass.org) presents considerable information about financial aid for international students. Listed on the second page are scholarship and loan opportunities. Several of the scholarship searches are nationally recognized and highly recommended by colleges across the U.S. Some websites require students to complete a profile in order to determine for which scholarships and fellowships they may be eligible, and will then email customized listings and deadline information to the students.

Students interested in applying for loans, should first consider borrowing from a bank in their home country. Those planning to apply for loans from the United States will find that most loan agencies require a cosigner that is a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.

**PRIVATE LOAN OPTIONS**
- Citibank: Citiassist Program
  - [https://www.studentloan.com/landing/citiassist.htm?Source=ivanitc](https://www.studentloan.com/landing/citiassist.htm?Source=ivanitc)
  - 800.745-5473
- International Student Loan
  - [http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/international_student/](http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/international_student/)
- International Student.com
- Loans for Canadian Students

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- The American-Scandinavian Foundation [http://www.amscan.org](http://www.amscan.org)
- Canadian Educational Planner [http://canlearn.ca](http://canlearn.ca)
- Canadian Scholarship Portal [http://scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)
- Education USA [http://www.educationusa.state.gov/](http://www.educationusa.state.gov/)
Fastweb Scholarship Search [http://www.fastweb.com/]
FinAid! The smart student guide to financial aid [http://www.finaid.org/]
The Hellenic Times Scholarship [http://www.htsfund.org/guidelines.html]
The Houtan Scholarship Foundation [http://www.houtan.org/application.asp]
Institute of International Education [http://www.iie.org/]
Institute of International Education - Fulbright Fellowships [http://www.iie.org/fulbright/]
International Education Finance Corporation [http://www.iefc.com/]
International Education Financial Aid [http://www.iefa.org/]
International Federation of University Women Fellowships [http://www.ifuw.org/fellowships/index.shtml]
International Students Organization in America [http://www.isoa.org/]
Iranian-American Scholarship Fund [http://www.iasfund.org/]
Iranian Artist Scholarship [http://www.evolvingperceptions.com/scholarship.html]
Iranian Scholarship Foundation [http://www.iranianscholarships.com/]
The Korean American Scholarship Foundation [http://www.kasf.org]
MacArthur Foundation [http://www.macfound.org/index.htm]
Momeni Foundation [http://momenifoundation.org/bod.htm]
NAFSA - Association of International Educators [http://www.nafsa.org/students.sec]
Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans [http://www.pdsoros.org/]
PEO International Peace Scholarship [http://www.peointernational.org/]
Petersen’s Student Edge [http://www.studentedge.com]
Rotary Foundation [http://www.rotary.org/EN/STUDENTSANDYOUTH/]

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES**

- Society of Iranian American Women for Education (SIAWE) [http://www.siawe.org/scholarships.htm]
- Textbookx.com Scholarship [http://www.textbookx.com/scholarship/]
- Third Wave Foundation Scholarship Program [http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/grant-making/scholarships]

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