

Study USA 2023-2024 Application Form Guidance Document

As the application form must be completed in one sitting, please use this guidance document to prepare answers and information you will need for the application. The form should take no longer than 15-20 minutes to complete.

Personal Information Section

Under the Personal Information Section, you will be required to provide basic information on your current course of study, including the following:

- Date of First Enrolment at your Northern Ireland University/College
- Average result for your first year of study. (This should be provided as a percentage unless you are currently studying at Ulster University Belfast or a Further Education College.)

You will also be required to answer the following:

- Are you currently entitled to receive a non-repayable maintenance grant as assessed by an Education and Library Board in Northern Ireland?

Application Selection

Under 'Application Selection', you will be asked to answer six questions. We recommend taking time to prepare and save your answers in a document prior to completing the application.

Questions are as follows:

- Motivation

What are your personal motivations in applying for a Study USA scholarship? You should support your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)

- Leadership and Teamwork

Study USA seeks to develop the next generation of leaders in the Northern Irish economy. Please describe one recent example where you have displayed leadership qualities? What was your role and what was the outcome? You should support your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)

- Adaptability

If you were successful in obtaining a place on Study USA, prior to your departure what steps would you take to prepare for the year ahead? Please refer to academic, practical and social considerations. You should support your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)

- Service and participation/involvement

US Colleges & Universities encourage students to volunteer and develop an attitude of service to others, both on campus and in the wider community. What volunteering experience do you have that you could bring to the US in order to give back to your college and the wider community? Please illustrate your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)

- Personal development

What areas of weakness would you like to develop whilst participating on Study USA? Your answer could refer to academic, social or personal skills you would like to improve on. (Maximum 200 words)

- Employability

In what ways do you hope that your participation on Study USA will impact on your employability and future career plans? You should support your answer with specific examples. (Maximum 200 words)