



[EducationUSA Opportunity Funds-Bulgaria Program](#)

For high school students in grade 11
Deadline for submitting applications: [January 2, 2019](#)

Opportunity funding, provided by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, supports talented international students with the application process to U.S. higher education institutions. Opportunity Funds provides support to talented international students who are highly competitive for full financial aid but who do not have the financial means to apply to universities in the United States and who are not eligible for (or not funded by) U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs. Opportunity Funds offers no guarantee of acceptance or financial aid awards at U.S. institutions.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Opportunity funding, a student must:

- be a citizen of, or officially recognized refugee in Bulgaria;
- work closely with an EducationUSA Adviser throughout the application process;
- apply to BA/BS degree programs at accredited U.S. higher education institutions and for sufficient financial aid to meet the student's need;
- demonstrate that they and their family are not able to pay for the application process;
- current high school juniors (students in the 11th grade) are eligible for Opportunity funding;
- U.S. citizens and permanent residents, employees and immediate family of employees of EducationUSA Advising Centers, American Councils for International Education or a U.S. Embassy are not eligible for Opportunity funding.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The students apply for the program through the following Opportunity Funds Application Form. Please send the form and supporting documents to EducationUSA Advisor Snejana Teneva at:

steneva@fulbright.bg (the supporting documents may be in Bulgarian).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1) Student's high school academic transcripts (grades 9 and 10)
- 2) Parents' income statements: January-November, 2018 (with letters from employers or confirmation from unemployment bureau)
- 3) Household expenses (review of monthly expenses (bills) and number of family members living in their household)
- 4) Copies of average utility bills and rent or mortgage receipts

APPLICATION TIMELINE

January 2, 2019: Student application deadline

January 22, 2019: Award letters sent

For more information about the program, please contact:

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EducationUSA Opportunity Funds-Bulgaria Program Application Form

SECTION 1: Personal Data

Family Name:

First Name:

Name as appears in Passport:

Gender: Male/Female

Date of Birth:

mm/dd/year

Country of Birth:

City of Birth:

Citizenship:

mark all that apply

- Bulgaria
- Dual Bulgaria/U.S.
- U.S. Permanent Resident
- Other:

Primary Phone Number:

Email Address:

Current Address:

Street, House Number, Apartment

Current City:

Current Country:

Permanent Address:

Street, House Number, Apartment

Permanent City:

Permanent Country:

SECTION 2: U.S. visa type, date(s) and purpose of your travel

Have you ever applied for a U.S. visa?

No

Yes

Date(s) of your U.S. travel:

Purpose of your U.S. travel:

SECTION 3: Educational Background

Current or most recent education:

mark all that apply

- High School
- Institution

GPA (grades 9 and 10):

(indicate scale: out of 6)

Current (or most recent) educational institution

- Institution Name:
- City, Country:
- Specialization, major:

Entry Date:

Graduation Date:

Institution Type:

Public or Private

SECTION 4: Academic Honors / Awards / Scholarships / Exchange Programs

Please list any special achievements, community service, and/or extracurricular activities that you have participated in:

Academic Publications

List publications that you have authored or co-authored (include name, title of your article/work, name of publication, date), and describe your research achievements

- Publications 1:
- Publications 2:
- Publications 3:
- Publications 4:
- Publications 5:

Academic Honors, Awards, Scholarships

List any academic honors (Golden/Red diplomas, Olympiads) and scholarships received since 9th grade

Honor 1:

Honor 2:

Honor 3:

Honor 4:

Honor 5:

Honor 6:

Honor 7:

Honor 8:

Honor 9:

Honor 10:

Leadership:

List professional organizations and/or clubs of which you are a member:

Describe any non-academic achievements in sports, music, community service, etc.

Volunteer Experience:

Do you have any volunteer experience with an organization or institution in your home country and/or abroad?

if Yes Explain:

SECTION 5: Plans for Study in the U.S.

Desired Level of Study

mark all that apply

- Associate (AA/AS)
- Bachelor (BA/BS)
- Masters (MA/MS)
- MBA
- LLM
- Doctoral (Ph.D.)
- Other:

Desired field of study:

Desired Enrollment Date:

Fall 2020

Other:

What type of job or employment do you want after finishing this degree in the U.S. and returning to your home country (i.e. doctor, engineer, social worker, teacher, etc.)?

Which skills do you want to improve while in the U.S.:

Please briefly describe how studying in the United States will help you improve these skills and achieve your career goals.

Maximum 500 words

SECTION 6: Testing

If you have already taken any of these tests, please indicate the examination and results.

TOEFL Test Date

MM/DD/YYYY

- TOEFL Reading Score
- TOEFL Listening Score
- TOEFL Speaking Score
- TOEFL Writing Score
- TOEFL Composite Score

IELTS Test Date

MM/DD/YYYY

- IELTS Overall Score

ACT Test Date

MM/DD/YYYY

- ACT English Score
- ACT Math Score
- ACT Reading Score
- ACT Science Score
- ACT Combined English / Writing Score
- ACT Composite Score

SAT Test Date

MM/DD/YYYY

- SAT Verbal Score
- SAT Math Score
- SAT Writing Score
- SAT Composite Score

SAT Subject Test Date: Biology

MM/DD/YYYY

SAT Subject Test Score: Biology

SAT Subject Test Date: Chemistry

MM/DD/YYYY

SAT Subject Test Score: Chemistry

SAT Subject Test Date: Math 1

MM/DD/YYYY

SAT Subject Test Score: Math 1

SAT Subject Test Date: Math 2

MM/DD/YYYY

SAT Subject Test Score: Math 2

SAT Subject Test Date: Physics

MM/DD/YYYY

SAT Subject Test Score: Physics

Other:

SECTION 7: Family Background and Work Experience

How many people, including yourself, depend on the income of your parents for daily living expenses?

Your answer

Parents Marital Status (single, married, divorced, separated, widowed)

Parent/Guardian 1

- Family Name, First Name:
- Home address if different from yours:
- Email address:
- Occupation:
- Employer:
- Highest education degree:
- Average monthly income:

Parent/Guardian 2

- Family Name, First Name:
- Home address if different from yours:
- Email address:
- Occupation:
- Employer:
- Highest education degree:
- Average monthly income:

To what countries have you traveled in the past 5 years, for what purpose, and who paid for your trip? i.e. Turkey, vacation, parents; Poland, academic competition, organizers

Your answer

Please list any jobs that you have held during the past three years, including summer employment

- Employer
- Position
- City
- Dates
- Hours/week
- Salary/month (USD)

SECTION 8: Signature

I confirm that I have no personal or family funds to pay for the application process or for studying in the U.S., and I understand that presenting incorrect data can affect my eligibility for Opportunity funding.

(Print name)

DATE: