

## Financial Aid for International Students

A US education is very expensive. Tuition, room and board, and books at an undergraduate institution may cost from \$15,000 to \$40,000 a year, depending on the school. At De Anza College, tuition and fees for full-time international students will be close to \$6,000, room and board in surrounding areas may be close to \$10,000 for the school year, and books may be close to \$2,000 each school year.

There is very little financial aid for foreign nationals to study in the US, with the possible exception of citizens of Canada and Mexico. Most grants, scholarships, and loans from public and government sources are restricted to US citizens or permanent residents of the US.

As a result, international students will find very little information about financial aid for international students. A few US banks will offer student loans to international students if the loan is co-signed by a creditworthy US citizen or permanent resident (holder of a "green card"). There may also be restrictions on the type of visa (F1 or J1).

International students at De Anza College may apply for scholarships. Scholarships are private funds donated by members of our community to assist students in particular circumstances (such as single parents, or in a specific major) or to assist students with particular characteristics (such as active in community service, or high GPA for transfer, or whose parents attended De Anza College). Scholarships are competitive so winners are selected annually. Scholarships are advertised at De Anza College throughout the year at <http://www.deanza.edu/financialaid/scholarship.html>. The largest number of scholarships are advertised in mid-October, have a deadline in mid-February and are awarded in mid-May. Most scholarship awards range from \$250 to \$2000.

For more information about financing a college education for international students, go to <http://www.edupass.org/finaid/>.

For more information about the International Student Program at De Anza College, go to <http://www.deanza.edu/international/>.