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*Program Guide for EducationUSA Advisers and Students*

**Program Objective:** Increase opportunities for young women to pursue undergraduate degrees in the STEM fields at U.S. women's colleges; provide women in the program a STEM Mentor and access to the STEM community through membership in the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), and access to leadership, internship and research opportunities to build the skills and confidence needed to become the *next* leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators in their communities.

**What are the requirements for applying to be a NeXXt Scholar?**

- Student must be a citizen of a focus country, currently residing in and attending a focus-country high school. [Initial Focus: Countries with a predominantly Muslim population (see Table 1)]
- Students from any religious group or economic status are eligible.
- Student must apply directly to any of the 50 U.S. women's colleges (EducationUSA assistance available if desired), be accepted by the college, and major in a STEM field.
- Student should contact a regional EducationUSA Adviser to request a nomination letter for the NeXXt Scholars program. To find an email address for your regional EducationUSA Adviser: <http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

**Table I: Focus Regions**

Afghanistan	Maldives
Albania	Mali
Algeria	Mauritania
Azerbaijan	Morocco
Bahrain	Niger
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Brunei	Oman
Burkina Faso	Pakistan
Chad	Qatar
Comoros	Saudi Arabia
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Somalia
Guinea	Sudan
Indonesia	Syria
Iran	Tajikistan
Iraq	Tunisia
Jordan	Turkey
Kosovo	Turkmenistan
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Yemen
Libya	West Bank & Gaza Strip
Malaysia	

**What are the benefits of this initiative?**

- Five-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (four years during undergraduate studies + one year post-graduation)
- Individual STEM Mentor and networking opportunities provided by the NYAS
- Access to internship & research opportunities
- Incredible science, technology, engineering and math education environment with high-tech equipment and hands-on learning
- A STEM-Sister NeXXt Scholar (An entering American STEM peer is nominated by your college to also receive the NYAS benefits; to discover and navigate your STEM educations together.)
- Act as an ambassador for your country!

### What are the benefits of attending a U. S. Women's College?

- Opportunity to study in a welcoming academic environment that uniquely focuses on providing resources and support for women. (It's all about YOU!)
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities that offer undergraduates hands-on investigative research opportunities with faculty members in the STEM fields
- Lasting network of global women alumnae
- Nurturing atmosphere that inspires leadership and confidence
- Many have on-campus summer research/internship opportunities offered to undergraduates!

### Does the Initiative offer financial aid?

Each of the women's colleges offers some financial aid (see individual college information sheets) to **qualified students** with financial need. Candidates must apply to the women's college and provide the requested documents to secure financial aid. The college will then inform the applicants of what financial aid package they can provide at the time of the acceptance decision.

### What are the student's responsibilities to the program?

- Meet all college expectations and requirements for the degree program
- Fully participate in all program/initiative events
- Engage with STEM mentors on a monthly basis
- Upon return trips home, engage in outreach recruiting efforts
- Assist in recruiting new NeXXt Scholars: possibly by producing video clips and/or participating in webinars via EducationUSA; email/Skype conversations with prospective students, etc.
- Fill out a program survey each year

### How can I learn more about the U.S. Higher Education Application process?

Contact your EducationUSA Adviser today (the earlier, the better)!

<http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

### Where can I get more information about U.S. Women's Colleges?

Detailed information on U.S. Women's colleges is available at: <http://www.womenscolleges.org/>

### Where can I get a map of the locations of Women's Colleges in the United States?

Go to: <http://bit.ly/tYGfbF>

### Where can I get more information about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative?

For information about specific colleges, see Table 2 for 'point of contact' information. For questions about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative, email [nexxtscholars@state.gov](mailto:nexxtscholars@state.gov)

**See the following pages for profiles of some of the women's colleges  
eager for your application!**

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**Table 2. NeXXt Scholars Initiative: Application Information for Women's Colleges/Universities**

Name of Institution	Minimum Score on TOEFL or IELTS	SAT or ACT required? (Y/N)	Application Deadline			Financial Aid App Deadline	College contact for more information:	
			Early Decision	Early Action	Regular Decision		Name	Email
<b>Agnes Scott College</b>	IBT 90; CBT 233; PBT 577; IELTS 7	N		15-Nov	1-Mar	15-Jan	Alexa Gaeta	<a href="mailto:agaeta@agnesscott.edu">agaeta@agnesscott.edu</a>
<b>Barnard College</b>	PBT 600; IBT 120; IELTS 7	ACT or SAT and 2 Subject tests	15-Nov		1-Jan	Priority 1-Feb	Vera Bagnyuk	<a href="mailto:vbagnyuk@barnard.edu">vbagnyuk@barnard.edu</a>
<b>Bay Path College</b>	IBT 71; IELTS 5.5	No, unless TOEFL is not submitted			1-May		Sarah Wisnouskas	<a href="mailto:international@baypath.edu">international@baypath.edu</a>
<b>Bennett College for Women</b>	TOEFL recommended	N			Rolling- earlier recommended	Rolling	Taunya Monroe	<a href="mailto:admiss@bennett.edu">admiss@bennett.edu</a>
<b>Brenau University</b>	PBT 500; IBT 61; CBT 173; IELTS 5	SAT 900 (Reading 450); ACT 18			Rolling	1-Apr	Tiffany Adams	<a href="mailto:tadams2@brenau.edu">tadams2@brenau.edu</a>
<b>Bryn Mawr College</b>	Required for most	Flexible	15-Nov; 1-Jan		15-Jan	5-Feb	Laurie Koehler	<a href="mailto:lkoehler@brynmawr.edu">lkoehler@brynmawr.edu</a>
<b>Carlow University</b>	IBT 90/IELTS 6.5/SAT 1000/ACT (only one required)				Rolling	Priority 1-May	Garrett Margliotti	<a href="mailto:gdmargliotti@carlow.edu">gdmargliotti@carlow.edu</a>
<b>Cedar Crest College</b>	IBT 79	N			25-Mar	25-Mar	Jenny Weatherford	<a href="mailto:kjweathe@cedarcrest.edu">kjweathe@cedarcrest.edu</a>

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<b>Chatham University</b>	IBT 79; IELTS 6	SAT 900 (CR+M only)		1-Nov	1-Mar	1-May	Sheryl Stearns	<a href="mailto:ssstearns@chatham.edu">ssstearns@chatham.edu</a>
<b>College of Saint Benedict</b>	Required	Recommended			15-Jan thru 1-Mar	1-Mar	Kathryn Enke, Roger Young	<a href="mailto:kenke@csbj.edu">kenke@csbj.edu</a> ; <a href="mailto:ryoung@csbj.edu">ryoung@csbj.edu</a>
<b>College of Saint Elizabeth</b>	Required	Required			Rolling	Priority 1-Mar	Donna Tatarka	<a href="mailto:apply@cse.edu">apply@cse.edu</a>
<b>College of Saint Mary</b>	PBT 550; CBT 213; IBT 80	ACT 18; SAT 860 (minimum for CR+M)			Rolling	1-Mar	Dr. Christine Pharr	<a href="mailto:cpharr@csm.edu">cpharr@csm.edu</a>
<b>Columbia College</b>	PBT 550	SAT/ACT required for scholarship			1-Jun	1-Aug	Ms. Deanie Kane	<a href="mailto:dkane@columbiasc.edu">dkane@columbiasc.edu</a>
<b>Converse College</b>	Required	Y		15-Nov	1-Mar	1-Mar	April Lewis	<a href="mailto:april.lewis@converse.edu">april.lewis@converse.edu</a>
<b>Cottey College</b>	PBT 550; IELTS 5.5	Y			Rolling	31-Dec	Rick Eber	<a href="mailto:reber@cottey.edu">reber@cottey.edu</a>
<b>Douglass Residential College - Rutgers Univ.</b>	PBT 550; IBT 5.5	Y		1-Nov	1-Dec	1-Jan	Elaine Zundl	<a href="mailto:ezundl@echo.rutgers.edu">ezundl@echo.rutgers.edu</a>

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Hollins University	Required	Y	1-Nov	1-Dec	1-Feb	15-Feb	Stefanie Niles	<a href="mailto:NilesSD@hollins.edu">NilesSD@hollins.edu</a>
Mary Baldwin College	PBT 500	N			rolling	1-Apr	Heather Ward	<a href="mailto:hward@mbc.edu">hward@mbc.edu</a>
Mills College	Required	Y		15-Nov	1-Feb	1-Nov	Giulietta Aquino	<a href="mailto:gaquino@mills.edu">gaquino@mills.edu</a>
Mount Holyoke College	IBT 100	N	15-Nov		15-Jan	with app	Elizabeth DuMont-McCaffrey	<a href="mailto:dumon20e@mtholyoke.edu">dumon20e@mtholyoke.edu</a>
Notre Dame of Maryland University	PBT 500; CBT 173	N		Dec. 1	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Heidi Roller	<a href="mailto:Hroller@ndm.edu">Hroller@ndm.edu</a>
Saint Joseph College	TOEFL/IELTS OR SAT/ACT (one required)				Priority - Apr. 1	Priority - Feb. 1	Ms. Jennifer Healey	<a href="mailto:jhealey@sjc.edu">jhealey@sjc.edu</a>
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	PBT 500	N			1-May		Beth Terrell	<a href="mailto:bterrell@smwc.edu">bterrell@smwc.edu</a>
Saint Mary's College	Required	N	15-Nov		15-Feb	1-Mar	Kristin McAndrew	<a href="mailto:mcandrew@saintmarys.edu">mcandrew@saintmarys.edu</a>

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<b>Salem College</b>	TOEFL/IELTS OR SAT/ACT (one required)				1-Mar	1-Mar	Livni Mendez	<a href="mailto:livni.memdez@salem.edu">livni.memdez@salem.edu</a>
<b>Scripps College</b>	PBT 600; IBT 100; IELTS 7	N	15-Nov; 2-Jan		2-Jan	1-Feb	Maricela Limas	<a href="mailto:maricela.limas@scrippscollege.edu">maricela.limas@scrippscollege.edu</a>
<b>Smith College</b>	Required	Y	ED I: 1-Nov; ED II: 1-Jan		15-Jan	15-Nov, 2-Jan, 1-Feb (dep. on app)	Karen Kristof	<a href="mailto:kkristof@smith.edu">kkristof@smith.edu</a>
<b>Spelman College</b>	PBT 500; CBT 250	Yes, if English is first language	1-Nov	15-Nov	1-Feb	1-Mar	Arlene Cash	<a href="mailto:acash@spelman.edu">acash@spelman.edu</a>
<b>St. Catherine University</b>	PBT 500; IBT 61; CBT 173; IELTS 5	N			15-Mar	15-Mar	Aimee Thostenson	<a href="mailto:international@stkate.edu">international@stkate.edu</a>
<b>Stephens College</b>	IBT 79; PBT 550; CBT 213	N	15-Nov	1-Jan	Rolling decisions after 1-Jan	1-Mar	Dianne Lynch	<a href="mailto:president@stephens.edu">president@stephens.edu</a>
<b>Sweet Briar College</b>	IBT 79; CBT 213; PBT 550; IELTS 6.5	N			1-Feb	1-Apr	Ken Huus	<a href="mailto:khuus@sbc.edu">khuus@sbc.edu</a>
<b>The Women's College at the University of Denver</b>	PBT 550; IBT 80; IELTS 6.5	N			10-Aug	10-Aug	Jenny Williamson	<a href="mailto:jenny.williamson@du.edu">jenny.williamson@du.edu</a>

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<b>Ursuline College</b>	IBT 68; CBT 520	N		15-Nov	1-Jun	15-Mar	Ms. Jensen Hanna	<a href="mailto:jhanna@ursuline.edu">jhanna@ursuline.edu</a>
<b>Wellesley College</b>	IBT 100; IELTS 7 preferred	SAT I plus 2 subject tests or ACT w/ writing	1-Nov	1-Jan	15-Jan	15-Jan or 1-Nov for ED	Milena Mareva	<a href="mailto:mmareva@wellesley.edu">mmareva@wellesley.edu</a>
<b>Wesleyan University</b>	Required	Y	15-Nov		scholarships Jan 15; Rolling	15-Feb	Steve Farr	<a href="mailto:sfarr@wesleyancollege.edu">sfarr@wesleyancollege.edu</a>
<b>Wilson College</b>	PBT 500; CBT 173; IBT 61; IELTS 5	Y (for non-native English speakers)			1-May	30-Apr	MaryAnn Naso	<a href="mailto:maryann.naso@wilson.edu">maryann.naso@wilson.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:admissions@wilson.edu">admissions@wilson.edu</a>

\*Note: For additional U.S. Women's Colleges, see [www.womenscolleges.org/](http://www.womenscolleges.org/)

**Please see Table 3 on the next page for links to college/university websites.**



**Table 3: U.S. Women's College/University Websites**

<b>College/University</b>	<b>Website</b>
Agnes Scott College	<a href="http://www.agnesscott.edu">www.agnesscott.edu</a>
Barnard College	<a href="http://www.barnard.edu">www.barnard.edu</a>
Bay Path College	<a href="http://www.baypath.edu">www.baypath.edu</a>
Bennett College for Women	<a href="http://www.bennett.edu">www.bennett.edu</a>
Brenau University	<a href="http://www2009.brenau.edu/home.cfm">www2009.brenau.edu/home.cfm</a>
Bryn Mawr College	<a href="http://www.brynmawr.edu/">www.brynmawr.edu/</a>
Carlow University	<a href="http://www.carlow.edu">www.carlow.edu</a>
Cedar Crest College	<a href="http://www.cedarcrest.edu">www.cedarcrest.edu</a>
Chatham University	<a href="http://www.chatham.edu/">www.chatham.edu/</a>
College of Saint Benedict	<a href="http://www.csbsju.edu/">www.csbsju.edu/</a>
College of Saint Elizabeth	<a href="http://www.cse.edu">www.cse.edu</a>
College of Saint Mary	<a href="http://www.csm.edu">www.csm.edu</a>
Columbia College	<a href="http://www.columbiasc.edu">www.columbiasc.edu</a>
Converse College	<a href="http://www.converse.edu/">www.converse.edu/</a>
Cottey College	<a href="http://www.cottey.edu/">www.cottey.edu/</a>
Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University	<a href="http://www.douglass.rutgers.edu/index.shtml">www.douglass.rutgers.edu/index.shtml</a>
Hollins University	<a href="http://www.hollins.edu/">www.hollins.edu/</a>
Mary Baldwin College	<a href="http://www.mbc.edu">www.mbc.edu</a>
Mills College	<a href="http://www.mills.edu">www.mills.edu</a>
Mount Holyoke College	<a href="http://www.mtholyoke.edu/index.html">www.mtholyoke.edu/index.html</a>
Notre Dame of Maryland University	<a href="http://www.ndm.edu">www.ndm.edu</a>
Saint Joseph College	<a href="http://www.sjc.edu">www.sjc.edu</a>
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	<a href="http://www.smwc.edu">www.smwc.edu</a>
Saint Mary's College	<a href="http://www3.saintmarys.edu/">www3.saintmarys.edu/</a>
Salem College	<a href="http://www.salem.edu">www.salem.edu</a>
Scripps College	<a href="http://www.scrippscollege.edu/">www.scrippscollege.edu/</a>
Smith College	<a href="http://www.smith.edu/">www.smith.edu/</a>
Spelman College	<a href="http://www.spelman.edu">www.spelman.edu</a>
St. Catherine University	<a href="http://www.stkate.edu/">www.stkate.edu/</a>
Stephens College	<a href="http://www.stephens.edu">www.stephens.edu</a>
Sweet Briar College	<a href="http://www.sbc.edu">www.sbc.edu</a>
The Women's College of the University of Denver	<a href="http://www.womenscollege.du.edu">www.womenscollege.du.edu</a>
Ursuline College	<a href="http://www.ursuline.edu">www.ursuline.edu</a>
Wellesley College	<a href="http://web.wellesley.edu/web">web.wellesley.edu/web</a>
Wesleyan College	<a href="http://www.wesleyancollege.edu">www.wesleyancollege.edu</a>
Wilson College	<a href="http://www.wilson.edu">www.wilson.edu</a>

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