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MentorAbroad is a peer mentorship website that connects aspiring Africans seeking to study in the US/Canada with students studying in those universities.

Become a Mentor

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Advice from the Mentors

> *"Let motivation drive you. Where hard work seems to be insufficient, genius fails."*
>
> *Derry Lucio*

> *"Do not go around looking for perfection, get moving, find your passion.""*
>
> *Phenny Shantel*

> *"Don't be afraid to ask questions. If you knew everything, you wouldn't be in college."*
>
> *Jacqueline Antwi-Danso*

About MentorAbroad

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History

Mugisha's Dream

After his graduation, Mugisha, a fresh alumnus of MIT decided to give back to his society by providing mentorship to prospecting college students who wished to study abroad as he had done. He visited several high schools in his hometown, advising students on how to prepare competently for these colleges. One year later, his efforts paid off when a number of his mentees got admission into top colleges around the world, including the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

As beneficiaries to his mentorship program, we as the founders of MentorAbroad asked ourselves a critical question: How many aspiring college students have someone like Mugisha to guide them through an abroad college application?

With a little bit of love and the internet, MentorAbroad.com was born - a website that allows aspiring college students get mentorship and advice on how to apply to colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and any other countries that is different from their home country.

Studying Abroad

Many students owe their success in college to individuals like Mugisha, and we at MentorAbroad believe that giving prospecting college students the chance to interact with students already in those colleges that they are striving for is not only an effective strategy but also an inspiring opportunity. For students wishing to study abroad, the application process can be a great challenge, and we strongly believe that a system of mentorship could go a long way in helping students in their applications. All of the 42 mentors that we currently have volunteering with us have endured the application process successfully, and are devoted to helping you in any way possible so that you too, can get into your dream college.

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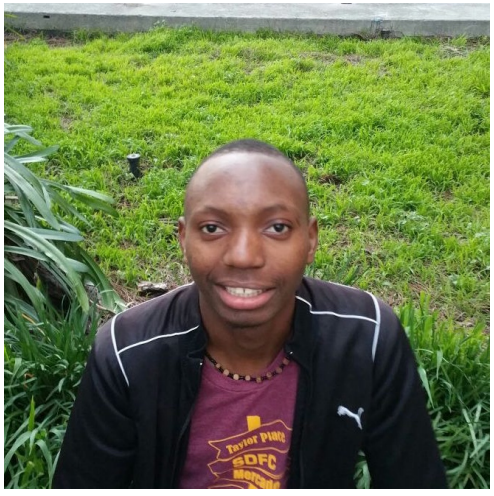

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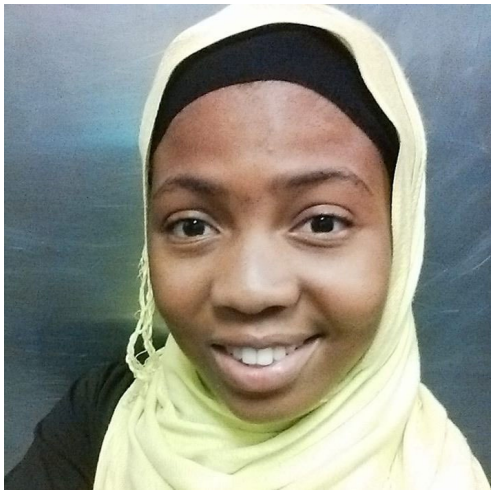

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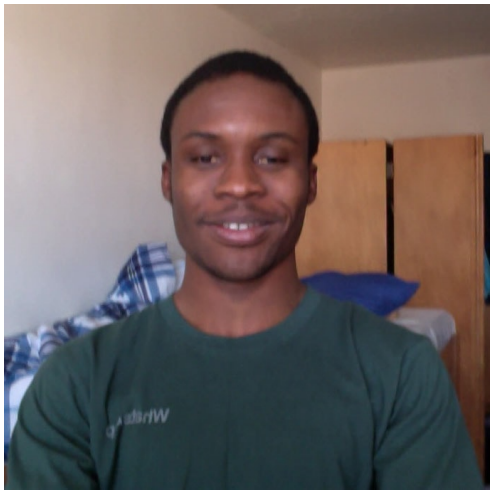

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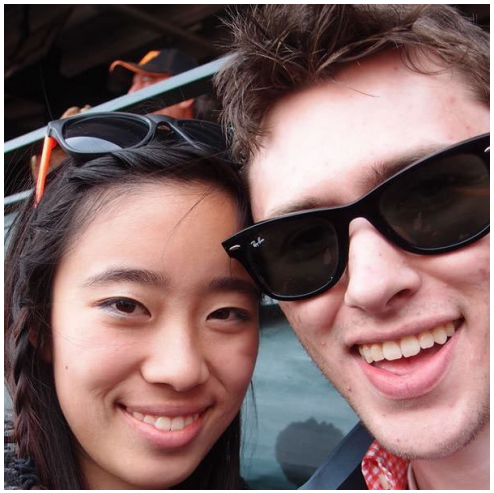

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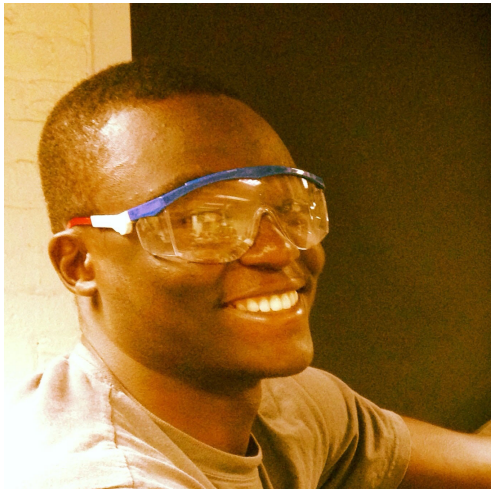

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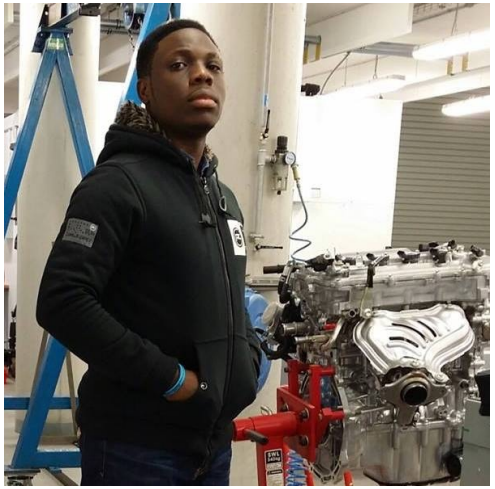

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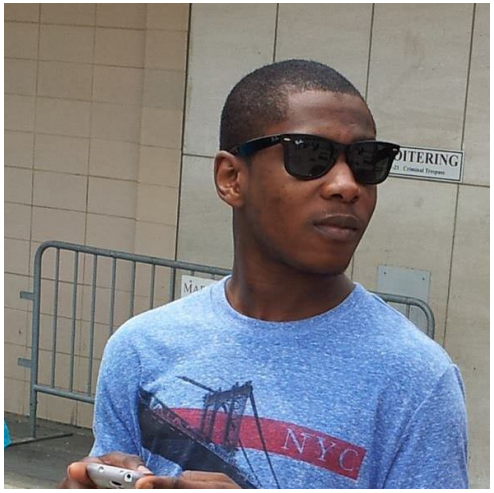

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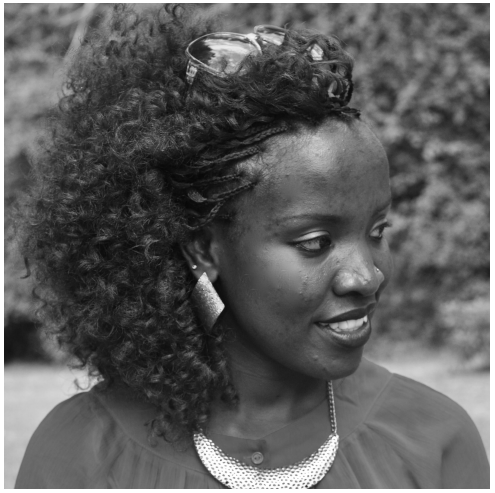

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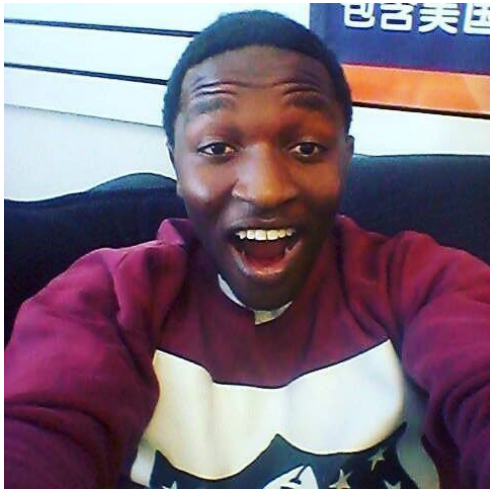

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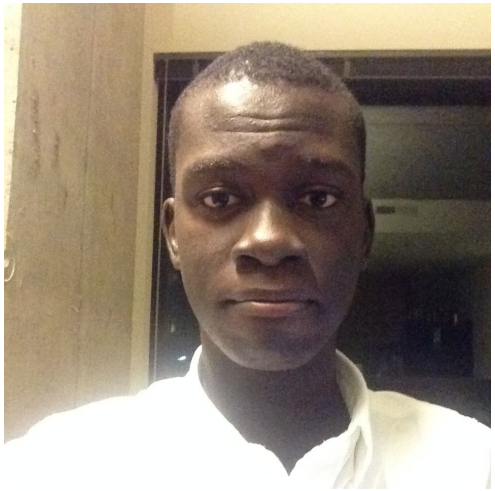

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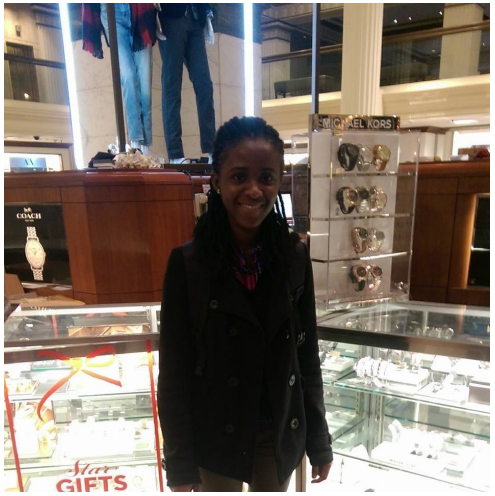

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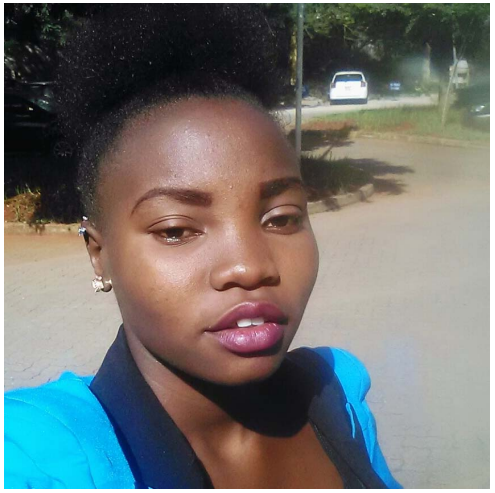

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Application at a Glance

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FAQs

Get answers to common questions about applying to college. The link below will direct you to answers to these questions as well as additional links for further information.

View FAQs

Admission application links

Are you considering applying to colleges abroad? The link below will lead you to the appropriate Admissions websites, where you can learn about the application process and requirements for admission.

View Application

Scholarship application links

There are scholarship opportunities available for qualified applicants. Below is a link that will guide you to a listing of the various independent scholarships as well as other financial aid resources.

View Scholarships

Application vocabulary

College applications can be an overwhelming experience primarily because of the jargon involved. The link below will help ease the process with simple concise explanations of the relevant terms.

View Vocabulary

Infographic

Now that you are applying to colleges abroad, ahead of you lies a journey. The link below will direct you to a 'map' of what to expect and what you'll need as you emabark on this amazing experience.

View Infographics

Manage your Finances

Learn how to better manage your money in college. You can access a student budget calculator or learn how to avoid credit card debt. These resources above are provided by The Simple Dollar, an organization whose aim is to help people make better financial decisions. They are also proud to be one of Google's Experts!

Admission Application Links

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Below is a list of colleges common among international applicants. Feel free to explore beyond this list to find a college that best suits you.

- The Common Application
- UC Berkeley
  - Website
  - Application
- Fisk University
  - Website
  - Application
- Middlebury College
  - Website
  - Application
- University of Pretoria
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- University of Pennsylvania
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- Arizona State University
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- Stanford University
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- Earth University
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- Ashesi University
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    - Application
- University College London
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    - Application
- University of Manitoba
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- Coventry University
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    - Application
- University of Illinois
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- Howard University
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Vocabulary

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Types of Post-Secondary Institutions

College

An institution of higher learning, often referred to as a “four year” institution, which grants the bachelor's degree in liberal arts or science or both.

University

A school that includes many different schools—such as a college of chemistry and a college of business—and that has graduate students. Please note: The term “college” is generally used to refer to a university as well in the American context. We too, use it too interchangeably with college.

Institute of Technology

A school that specializes in subjects such as engineering, physics, chemistry, and math.

Liberal Arts College

A college where students are free to study a wide variety of different subjects during their undergraduate years

College Admission Tests

ACT

A two hour and 55 minute examination that measures a student’s knowledge and achievement in four subject areas —English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning— to determine the student’s readiness for college-level instruction. There is also an optional writing test that assesses students’ skills in writing an essay. The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 to 36 for each of the four areas.The four subject area scores are averaged to create a Composite Score.

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are college-level classes taught in the high school.

SAT

This is a widely used college entrance examination program. This includes the SAT Reasoning Test, which assesses students’ critical thinking skills as they relate to the ability to manage college-level instruction. It is a 3-hour exam measuring verbal and mathematical skills, as well as grammar/conventions and the ability to write a brief essay. Students may earn a total of up to 2400 points on the three-hour exam (up to 800 points in each of the exam’s content areas: verbal, math, and writing).

SAT Subject Test

SAT subject tests (also known as SAT II tests) are offered in many areas of study including English, mathematics, many sciences, history, and foreign languages. Some colleges require students to take one or more SAT subject

tests when they apply for admission.

College Application Vocabulary

Application

Admissions departments usually require students to complete an application for admission that generally consists of academic records, personal essays, letters of recommendation, and a list of extracurricular activities. Most schools require the SAT or ACT. Deadlines for admission applications are established and published by each college or university.

College Essay

A brief composition on a single subject, required by many colleges as part of the application process for admission.

Common Application

The Common Application (informally known as the Common App) makes it possible for students to use one admissions application to apply to any of 456 member colleges and universities. There is a Common Application for First-Year Admission and a Common Application for Transfer Admission. Both versions allow the application to be filled out once online and submitted to all schools with the same information going to each.

Early Action

Early action is when a prospective student applies for admission by early deadline (before the regular admission deadline) and receives notice of acceptance, denial, or deferment with no obligation to the university to enroll, if accepted for admission.

Early Decision

Through this program offered by many post-secondary institutions, students willing to commit to a school if accepted submit their application by a date well before the general admission deadline. If accepted, the student must enroll in that school, so students should only apply early decision to their first choice school.

Need-Blind Admission

Full consideration of an applicant and his or her application without regard to the individual's need for financial aid.

Recommendations/Letters of Evaluation

Statements or letters of endorsement written on a student's behalf during the college application process.

Transcript

This is the official document containing the record of a student's academic performance and testing history. The school at which a student is or has been officially enrolled must issue the transcript, certified by the signature of an authorized school administrator. The school's official seal or watermarked school stationery may also be used to authenticate the transcript.

Wait-list

An applicant is put on the wait--list when an admissions officer or committee decides to offer the applicant the

opportunity to enroll in the institution only if there is space available inthe incoming class after fully admitted students have responded to their offers to enroll. This category of admissions is reserved for students whose profiles are strong, but who are marginally qualified in comparison to the overall strength of others in the pool of applicants.

College Search Vocabulary

“Best Fit”

The college search is not about getting into the best college. There is no school that is best for all students. Some students do best at large public universities; some do best in small liberal arts colleges; still others want to study far from home. Students should look beyond the big name schools or the ones friends are excited about and do their own research.

“Reach School”

A college or university that you have a chance of getting into, but your test scores, GPA and/or class rank are a bit on the low side when you look at the school's profile. The top U.S. colleges and top universities shouldalways be considered reach schools. “Safety School”: A college or university where you clearly meet the admission requirements: minimum GPA, test scores, etc. It’s important, though, that the school also be one that you would want to attend, should you not gain admission to more selective colleges.

College Cost Vocabulary

Award Letter

A two hour and 55 minute examination that measures a student’s knowledge and achievement in four subject areas —English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning— to determine the student’s readiness for college-level instruction. There is also an optional writing test that assesses students’ skills in writing an essay. The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 to 36 for each of the four areas.The four subject area scores are averaged to create a Composite Score.

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ISFAA

The International Student Financial Aid Application is designed to gather information from international students who are applying for financial aid at colleges and universities in the United States. This is probably what you will be using for your application attached with other financial information that the university may ask for such as Tax Forms and Certification of Finances Form etc.

CSS Profile

this is the College Scholarship Service Profile, an application distributed by the College Board in the United States allowing college students to apply for financial aid. Each CSS Profile costs a fee, varying from year to year. Please confirm with the institution whether this is required of you.

FAFSA

This is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a federal form required from all American students who wishto

apply for need-based financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study awards. This does not concern International applicants.

Paying for College/ Financial Aid

- **Loans**

  A loan is a type of financial aid that is available to students and to the parents of students. An education loan must be repaid. In many cases, however, payments do not begin until the student finishes school.

- **Grants**

  Grants, like loans and most scholarships, are based on financial need. A grant may be provided by federal or state governments, an institution, a foundation, or some other nonprofit funding source and does not have to be repaid.

- **Scholarships**

  A scholarship is a sum of money given to a student for the purposes of paying at least part of the cost of college. Scholarships can be awarded to students based on students' academic achievements or on many other factors. Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

- **Work Study Programs**

  Most colleges offer work-study programs. They allow students to work part time during the school year as part of their financial aid package. The jobs are usually on campus and the money earned is used to pay for tuition or other college charges.

Some Campus Terms

Major

A student's concentrated field of study. Every major includes a required set of courses. Colleges typically ask students to pick their major at the end of their sophomore year.

Minor

A student's secondary field of study.

GPA (Grade Point Average)

The GPA is figured by averaging the numerical value of a student's grades: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.It is cumulative, starting freshman year; grades count every year.

Placement Tests

Colleges and universities use these examinations to place students in courses—most often mathematics and foreign languages—that match their proficiency. In some cases, a student’s level of competency on the test may exempt them from having to take a course required for graduation.

Prerequisite

A course that must be taken prior to enrollment in another course.

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Scholarships

Below is a list of scholarships available to international applicants. Feel free to explore beyond this list to find a scholarship that best meets your needs.

- MasterCard (http://mcfscholarsprogram.berkeley.edu/)
- Zawadi for Girls (http://zawadiafrica.org/)
- Education USA (https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center?region=5#.UHNU9q6BymN)
- Australia Award Scholarship (http://australiaawardsindo.or.id)
- LPDP Scholarship (http://www.beasiswalpdp.org/index.html)
- DIKTI Scholarship a. Dalam Neger (http://www.beasiswa.dikti.go.id/dn/)
- Turkey Government Scholarship (http://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/index.php/en)
- General Cultural Scholarship India (http://www.iccrindia.net/gereralscheme.html)
- USA Government Scholarship> (http://www.aminef.or.id/index.php)
- Netherland Government Scholarship> (http://www.nesoindonesia.or.id/beasiswa)
- Belgium Government Scholarship (http://www.vliruos.be/4273.aspx)
- Sciences Po France (http://formation.sciences-po.fr/…/the-emile-boutmy-scholars…)
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