# Securing fully funded scholarship in the US

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# Myths about winning scholarships

Only graduates with top grades win scholarships



Only graduates of top schools win scholarships

# Why the US?

- 169 universities and colleges ranked among the world's top 1000
- Global reputation
- Each state represented in THE ranking.
- Better postgraduation prospects



## Nature of US scholarship

Institution-based

- Funding opportunities
  - Teaching assistantship
  - Research assistantship
  - Fellowship



## **Basic Requirements**

- Transcript|| 3.0 CGPA
  - Use WES for GPA conversion
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- \* Referee letters
- \* CV
- GRE & TOEFL (optional)
- Writing sample
- Code mail????



## What makes a Good SOP?

- Clearly answers
  - What do you plan to study and why? (Interest)
  - Why have you chosen the university or program? (Uniqueness)
  - Are you adequately prepared for the program? (Fitness)
  - How will the program help in realizing your longer goals?

# **Choosing Universities**

- 4 Options Plans
- Highly optimistic (Top 200)
- Optimistic (201-500)
- \* Realistic (501-1000)
- Highly realistic (>1000)



### Other Information

- Application time
- HND Holders
- ❖ BSc. To Ph.D.



#### Useful links

- https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-united-states
- https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings#national-universities
- https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings#regional-universities
- https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.eduistitutions/?inst=