# INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATOIN USA'S 5 STEPS

#### RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

- Determine your personal requirements first, that includes your preferred school type, programs offered, social and cultural environments, cost, etc.
- Researching, we encourage you to keep in mind the following while researching;
- 1. Why US for me?
- 2. Which colleges or universities meet my needs and requirements?
- 3. Will I need financial assistance?
- 4. Financial and application aid deadlines.
- Be mindful of the following considerations;
- 1. Be sure to start application process 12-18 months prior.
- 2. Dive into website surfing's for resources.
- 3. Plan your process thoroughly

### FINANCE YOUR STUDIES

- US universities total cost of attendance varies from \$12,000-\$65,000 per year.
- Talk to your family about your plan and the scenario of US university costings.
- Researching your options, evaluate your finances.
- Go through numerous financial aid opportunities, scholarships, grants varying to every universities that will help you spend less.
- Study tuition fee structures, application fee waivers, scholarship deadlines,

#### **GENERAL COSTS per year:**

Tuition: \$3,000 - \$50,000 Health Insurance: \$500 - \$1,000

Room and Board: \$4,000 - \$12,000 Personal Expenses: \$1,200 -

\$3,000

Books and Supplies: \$500 - \$1,000 Travel to US: \$1,000

#### COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

- Prioritize time management for your application creating a complete workplan till submission of your application.
- Invest yourself into each college's application website as application requirements differ from college to college.
- Following points are of importance to bring to your information;
  - 1. Application form
  - 2. Application Fee
  - 3. Official Transcripts
  - 4. Financial Documents
  - 5. Standardized Test Scores
  - 6. Application Essay
  - 7. Letters of Rec<u>ommendation</u>

#### APPLY FOR THE US STUDENT VISA

- Understand three student Visa types: F,J &M
- F-1 Visa (Student Visa):
- For non-immigrants, referring academic purpose at an accredited US college or university or approved English language program.
- J-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor);
- For individuals participating in an exchange visitor program including high school, college and university study. Not eligible to apply for an immigrant visa status until returned and physically present in-home country for two years after exchange program.
- M-1 Visa (Student Visa);
- For ones involving in vocational training or non-academic study, training at US institution.

**Note:** For more visa related queries, reach out US Embassy, and consider surfing : https://np.usembassy.gov/visas/ for detailed information.

#### PREPARE YOUR DEPARTURE

- Final stage, prepare yourself accordingly.
- Make sure to note the followings;
  - Make your travel arrangements
  - Attending a pre-departure orientation at USEF or other informational sessions
  - Gathering pre-departure materials and documents for arrival
  - Report to your school and attending orientations
  - Keep connected to your counselors at college for further proceedings.

## THANK YOU!!!