



HIGH SCHOOL USA FINANCING GUIDE

The cost of attending high school in the United States is an investment in your future. Your family is giving you the opportunity to improve your English skills and earn a high school diploma from a quality American school. Not only does this look good on college applications, but it can lead to a successful career in or beyond your home country.

When considering your future, it is time to start thinking globally.



WHY ARE F-1 VISA PROGRAMS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN J-1?

If you traveled to the U.S. for your first program using the J-1 visa, you may be wondering: What is the difference between my first program and the F-1 programs offered by CIEE? And why are F-1 programs more expensive?

We are glad you asked!

J-1 programs

- Focus on cultural exchange
- Mostly public schools
- Less school choice
- Less location choice
- Cannot earn U.S. high school diploma
- Stay in America up to one academic year

F-1 programs

- Focus on academic exchange
- Quality public, private, boarding, and charter schools
- More school choice
- More location choice
- Can earn U.S. high school diploma
- Stay in America up to four academic years



Now that you know the difference between J-1 and F-1, it is time to budget for your program!



STEP 1: BUDGET FOR YOUR PROGRAM

The first step to financing your CIEE High School USA program is deciding what budget is right for you and your family.

1. CONSIDER YOUR GOALS

Type of school: Program cost is highly dependent on school choice. Are you looking to get a diploma on a budget? Or do you want to attend a high-end private school with Ivy League connections?

Length of stay: The length of your stay in America will determine your tuition costs and other incidental expenses. Do you want to come for one semester? One academic year? Or longer?

2. CHOOSE YOUR PRICE RANGE

Students on a budget can participate in our Standard and Standard+ experience starting at **\$15,000**. These programs offer limited school and location choice.

The cost of participating in our Choice, Focus, or Premier programs depends on what type of school you choose to attend:

- Public schools range from **\$24,000 to \$49,000**
- Private schools range from **\$22,000 to \$66,000**
- Boarding schools range from **\$52,000 to \$73,000**

3. GET YOUR QUOTE

After you have determined your price range, contact CIEE.

Next steps are easy:

- We will work with you to find the right school at the right price
- Review what is included and not included in the program cost
- Remember that scholarships may be available (see below)

At this point, you should know your program cost. Now explore what is and is not included!

STEP 2: UNDERSTAND WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE

It is important to understand exactly what is and is not included in your program fee, and to adjust your budget accordingly.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Tuition
- Host family placement, accommodations, and support
- Airport pickup
- Assistance coordinating transportation in your host community
- Three meals per day
- Ongoing support by Local Coordinator
- 24/7 multilingual support by CIEE

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare
- Application fees
- SEVIS fee
- Required CIEE insurance (\$700 per year or \$350 per semester)
- Orientation
- Incidental school fees
- Spending money

EXAMPLE SCHOOL

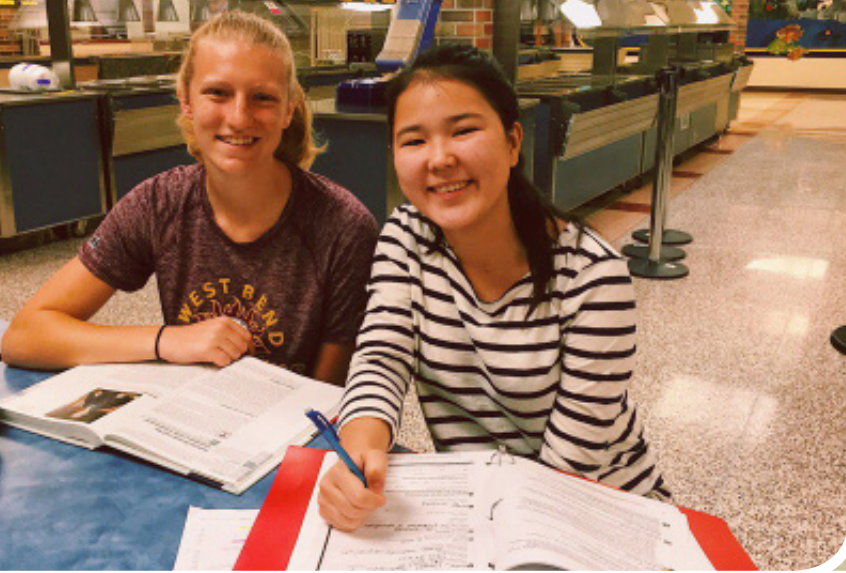
School name: Desert Sands Unified
State: California
Program fee: \$29,196
Travel health insurance: \$700
Application fee: \$150

Total amount paid to CIEE before departure: \$30,046

Additional fees may apply; prices are subject to change.



We are almost done! Your next step: Financing your program.



STEP 3: FINANCE YOUR PROGRAM

There are many ways to secure the financing you need to participate in CIEE High School USA. A few ideas are included here. For more information about how to finance your program or to determine what price range is appropriate for your family, please contact us using the email address below. We will work with you to find a school that meets your academic and financial requirements.

SAVINGS

Using your family's income and savings to pay for your program fee, international travel, and incidental costs is the best and surest way to participate in CIEE High School USA. Remember, this is not a frivolous expense; this is an investment in your future.

LOANS

Bank loans can be used to supplement other forms of financing to help cover the cost of your program. For more information, consult your bank of choice in your home country.

SCHOLARSHIPS

While you should not depend on scholarships to pay for your program fee, there are market-specific discounts and merit-based scholarships awarded by schools in our network. Scholarships will only be awarded after school application review.

Do you have questions or need help? Contact us!
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