Organization of American States

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Leo S. Rowe Fund

Financial aid for Latin American and Caribbean students in the USA
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)

• Oldest regional organization in the World
  – Pan American Union, 1889
  – OAS, 1948

• Includes 35 countries in the Caribbean, Latin America, Mexico, USA and Canada

• Four main pillars:
  – democracy,
  – human rights,
  – security and
  – integral development
HEADQUARTERS: WASHINGTON, DC
Purpose

Independent member states come together to advance their common goals and work out their differences.

The OAS provides critical support in building institutional and human capacity to meet new challenges.
THE ROWE FUND PROGRAM

Dr. Leo S. Rowe
A CITIZEN OF THE AMERICAS

Who Was Dr. Rowe Video
The OAS through the **Rowe Fund** program grants financial aid, in the form of interest-free loans, to students from Latin America and Caribbean countries for studies in the United States.
WHY WE DO IT

TO PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, COMMUNICATION, AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE REGION
Being an international student in the U.S. has challenged the way I see the world. Thank you for believing in the potential of Latin American students!

Beneficiary from Venezuela

The OAS has helped make my dream come through and for that I’m very grateful.

Ex-beneficiary from Jamaica

Being able to learn from people all over the world and share traditions and cultures has been an incredible experience.

Beneficiary from Mexico
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ADMINISTRATION

The Permanent Council of the OAS is in charged of the program through a Committee comprised of representatives of member states and the Secretary General.
REQUIREMENTS

- Citizen of OAS member State
- F/J visa holder
- Enrolled in last two years of undergraduate or graduate studies
- Good academic records: GPA ≥ 3.0
- Proof of other financial resources
- Guarantor
CHARACTERISTICS

- Maximum USD 15,000
- Covers a portion of tuition or living expenses
- May apply at any time during studies
- Paid in 50 equal installments
- Disbursement is sent directly to the Student
- Repayment starts three months after finishing studies
Frequently Asked Questions

Latin American & Caribbean Students
F/J visa holders

- Students may stay in the U.S. for OPT
- Interest-free student loans
- Payment starts three months after completion of studies
- Funds are disbursed directly to the student in the U.S.
- Applications are received and reviewed year-round
- Easy online application process
- Up to $15,000 per student
HOW DO THEY LEARN ABOUT US

Friend: 33% (2019), 27% (2020)
U.S. University advisor: 6% (2019), 24% (2020)
OAS Website: 16% (2019), 11% (2020)
EducationUSA advisor: 2% (2019), 10% (2020)
Online search: 14% (2019), 9% (2020)
Government in home country: 2% (2019), 6% (2020)
Other: 27% (2019), 14% (2020)
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF SCHOLARSHIP

Without a doubt, the current economic situation makes it difficult for many international students to fulfill their dreams. Thank God that this organization exists and helps students like me to accomplish our goals.
IMPORTANT LINKS

• FAQs
• Application forms
• Brochure
• Flier
• Informative Video
• Other Financial Resources booklet
• Article and banner by country

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FINANCIAL AID GUIDE:

Consists of a list of other funding opportunities (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.), offered by governments, institutions and other organizations, in member States to help students pay for their educational expenses in the United States
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