

In Order to create a student application for the university of your choice, the following documentation is needed:

- Personal Statement
- Official High School Transcript in English, including O, AS and A Level certificates
- 2 letters of recommendation
- List of extra-curricular activities and community services available
- Copy of Passport information pages
- Bank Statement (within 30days)
- Affidavit of support
- SAT I and/or ACT scores if available
- TOEFL or IELTS (may be waived for some English speaking countries).

We will then be here to assist and guide you throughout your whole application process.

We are also able to provide the SAT preparation and registration for exams, as well as the SAT, TOEFL and IELTS tutoring

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ESB
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Education Pathways Resource Centre



Study abroad handbook for students & parents. This is an information pack and we would still encourage you to come in and see a Consultant to discuss your pathway and study opportunities and options.

located in Harare's Northern Suburbs and the Suburbs in Bulawayo the ESB Pathway Centres exist as resource and help centres for students and parents. The centre has an all round approach towards education pathways for students and as such the staff reflects as such with Student Counsellors, Educational Psychologists, and Tutors as a support structure. On the whole the resources at the centre can be assessed for FREE with the exception of tutoring.



Connexions is our Study Abroad Resource Centre. Here you can find help to look at study pathways for your desired degree program as well as the application process. This resource is entirely at no charge, no sign up fees, no agency fees, just complete your [Connexion application](#). This application allows for the ESB team to assign a [Connexion Consultant](#) to you who will start working with you through your process of identifying, selecting and applying to your university of choice. They will also guide you through the various scholarships offered by our partners as well as ESB themselves.



The Learning tree is a resource centre which is a support structure to students academic learning. Learning Tree is not a school but simply has various education support structures. The Learning Tree is a certified MTBI & Strong facility and is the host for JVR Psychometrics which has a myriad of educational psychometrics to help the learner achieve and understand how best they can learn. The Learning Tree works closely with Connexions especially with regard, Career Pathways aptitude tests which give the Connexions Counsellor added resources towards students who are still trying to establish their desired degree. The Learning Tree also has a counselling section also run for free for students and parents.



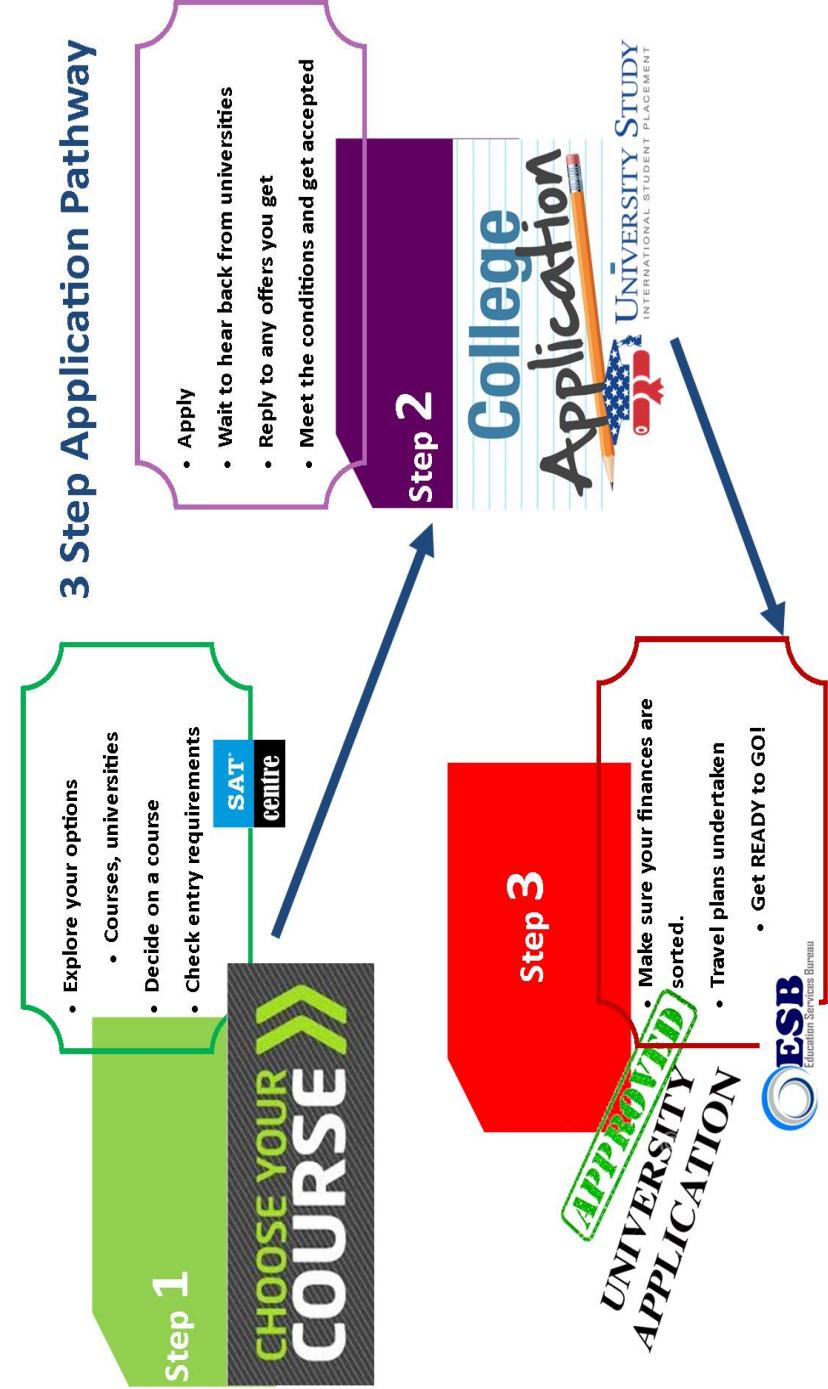
The SAT centre is also housed in the ESB Hub and serves to assist students achieve scores that open the window for scholarships. Dedicated team of tutors qualified to achieve the results. Please ask for the SAT brochure which has a wealth of information on what they do.

As added support and resource the ESB Centre runs the Harare North, Pitman Training Centre. Various short-term and long-term courses are offered with tutors and teaching support.



Come to the centre and see the many aspects that can help support families when looking toward education pathways. This is our area of expertise.

3 Step Application Pathway



Things to Watch Out For

You should be careful not to exaggerate your achievements. Be warned; if you are invited to interview, you should expect to be quizzed on what you have said in your statement. White lies won't impress anyone and can become pretty obvious pretty quickly under pressure.

You must review your statement for spelling and grammar and to apply in good time.

Don't ramble on and on, keep things to subject matter

They don't need your life story unless it relates to your subject choice it is a time waster.

Dos and Don'ts of personal statement writing

do check for spelling and grammar - get your parents to double check and then check again

do link your extra-curricular pursuits with your course choice

do show your teachers a draft first – so you will know what to change in plenty of time

DON'T leave it until the last minute

DON'T use suggested synonyms unless you're sure what they mean

DON'T be tempted to exaggerate what you've done

DON'T talk about specific universities, only talk about the subject

At the ESB Centre we have a team available to help you with all this, for free. Your personal statement , your search for study options, your scholarships and grants as well as simply supporting you as you move into this next pathway.

- ⇒ Over 400 university partners
- ⇒ Study destinations USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Europe
- ⇒ AIRC Certified - currently the AIRC Partner of the Year.
- ⇒ Personalised involved participatory consultations
- ⇒ Ongoing support—we support your child till completion of their program
- ⇒ Free service—no sign-up or agency fees

Considering Uni outside of Zim

So you are considering pursuing further studies. Great, then ESB & University Study is just the right place to start. Why, well not only do we offer the largest network of universities within the US, Europe and UK for you to apply to, we also offer an education pathway for every pocket as well as ensuring your security through our established overseas offices who are there to help and assist you from the time you apply till you finish your course of choice

Although study abroad programs can come with a larger price tag than here in Zimbabwe, they are not one stop shops. What do we mean, well you won't simply gain an academic qualification from a respected university abroad, but a wealth of exposure. Every student who wants to succeed in the global economy should study abroad," said Daniel Obst, deputy vice president of International Partnerships in Higher Education for the Institute of International Education (IIE) in the US. "Employers are looking for graduates who can work on multinational teams, who speak different languages, who can work easily across time zones, and who have the flexibility and adaptability you learn from going abroad." With more and more companies going global, marketing their products and services online, or setting up offices in other countries across the world, employers are more likely to hire a candidate with international qualifications, experience and exposure. International experience will illustrate their unique ability to adapt to new environments, maintain cultural sensitivity, and deal with challenging circumstances. Therefore, the positive impact of international education in the long run will far outweigh its impact on your wallet.

Making Financial Sense

Speaking about the wallet, this is a key factor which holds us back, but it need not. Many a time, we have seen the various placement agencies asking for large registration processing fees yet not availing many options, information or resource opportunities. Many offer top tier universities which have steep fees and not as practically financially sustainable for all and nothing in the middle. A visit to such leaves you feeling emotionally financially drained and you haven't even moved a dollar. At CSUS our motivation is to get you placed at your university of choice, information is at your fingertips, from over 200 universities, you can choose from a wide spectrum of universities which will fit suitably on your pocket.



Your security is important to us

ESB & University Study is a certified member of the American International Recruitment Council. To achieve AIRC Certification, CSUS has successfully undergone a rigorous external review process which evaluated its business practices and the effectiveness of the services rendered in recruiting qualified students to accredited educational institutions in the United States of America.

Preparation is the key.

- ⇒ Accept that this will be a little more expensive. That said, put it into perspective of what fees you are prepared to pay vis-a-vis what you are currently paying. If your child is in private schooling, really this should be your ball-mark starting ground. If you can afford private schooling more often than not study abroad is a possibility.
- ⇒ Know which countries you want to send your child and understand the requirements. Language is key, remember some countries will need a year language course-work



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We want to explore some of the questions we come across often.

Can I get a scholarship? In most cases one can try for a scholarship, that said it is always important to understand that scholarships are worked on and always come with a non-dollarized price tag. Grade Point Average a student has to maintain in order to be able to keep earning that scholarship. Sometimes a level of participation or engagement. When we shop for scholarships we expose ourselves to many dangers. Sign-up to our free workshops which speak towards scholarships and how to get the best and not be compromised.

Can I study abroad on a budget? Our biggest problem is actually ourselves and our keeping up with the Jones' that hinders us from finding a great study abroad pathway. You need to find not only an institution which keeps many aspects into perspective. Your budget, your personality and learning style, your end goal...which could be to stay on in a country, which could even be to study in your field at a renowned institution. They are many affordable pathways and ways to make it affordable. Come and speak to one of our Connexions Consultants and they can start the processes of exploring what suits your family, your finances and ensures you complete your degree.



Sign Up for our scholarship and studying abroad on a budget workshops,
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Personal Statement Writing Tips

It's about you and it's not about "you". The problem is people see the wording 'Personal Statement' and think this is a green light to write about themselves. Let your 'Personal Statement' explore aspects of you and bring them forth with precision. Your personal statement is a way of marketing yourself to university admissions tutors. The aim is to get those offers. With admission staff endlessly going through extensive applications, good grades and good references are a given but that's certainly not enough. So your personal statement is the key to set you apart from the rest. Your personal statement is where you can distinguish yourself from other candidates; fill in the picture a tutor has of you in their head; and leave a real impression that makes them want to meet you or offer you a place!



If you want to stand out from the crowd, give people a reason not to forget you

— Richard Branson —

Where To Start

To start with, jot down reasons why you want to study your chosen course. Is it a new passion or an old interest? Were you inspired by something you read or does it lead towards the career you would eventually like to pursue – in which case, what is it that appeals to you about that career?

Secondly, think about what you can say you have done to demonstrate why you are passionate about this particular subject. Have you taken part in a society or club outside of school? Do you enjoy reading about your subject, if yes, what books particularly interest you and why?

Have you worked in any roles that help with skills that universities might find appealing? Have you helped fellow students at school, have you volunteered or undertaken work experience in your field? In summation;

- **Why does this role interest you?**
- **Why are you suited to this role?**
- **Do you have any previous jobs or training that relate to this line of work?**
- **Have you taken part in any projects that help demonstrate your capabilities?**
- **What specialist skills do you have that make you an ideal candidate?**

Once you've answered these questions, you'll have a better idea of what you have to offer. This can then determine the structure of your statement, as you'll know what to emphasize and what to downplay. For instance, if you don't have any practical work experience, you can always touch on your academic accomplishments or transferable skills gleaned from gap year work, initiatives and so on