



COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM

2023-2024 Applications are now open

The Community College Initiative (CCI) Program is a U.S. government international exchange program that provides participants from underserved areas and underrepresented populations with a one-year, non-degree academic program at a U.S. community college. The program is designed to build participants' technical skills in applied fields, enhance their leadership capabilities, and strengthen their English language proficiency. The program also provides opportunities for professional internships, service learning, and community engagement that build mutual understanding through immersion in the culture and day-to-day life of the United States.

Competition for the CCI Program is merit-based and open to anyone who:

- Is a citizen, national or permanent resident qualified to hold a valid passport issued by the South Africa government.
- Is 18 years or older by July 1, 2023.
- Has successfully earned a secondary school certificate (Grade 12/Matric).
- Has *not* completed the equivalent of three years toward a bachelor's degree or higher in the field of study the applicant is nominated to pursue.
- Has demonstrated commitment to the selected field of study through some academic or professional experience - minimum one year.
- Has basic working knowledge of English language.
- Has limited or no overseas study experience.
- Is available to participate in the academic exchange program in the United States from July 2023 to May 2024.



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Visit the US Embassy website to access the application form:
<https://za.usembassy.gov/community-college-initiative-program/>

Please send your completed application form and all enquiries to:
 ccipsa@state.gov