

## What does Education USA look like? By Leah Mtindya

Education USA is a program that works with different students and assists them on how they can study in the USA. It is such an informative program and during the program you learn so many things. This year, I had a chance to apply and I was accepted. I was thrilled and was so anxious to get into the real stuff.

At first it was so confusing to me as I thought getting into EDUSA was a scholarship to go and study in the USA, but what I took away changed my line of thought.



EDUSA hosted a five-day boot camp for all the scholars that were accepted. Wow! The five days taught me a lot of things and opened up my mind on how life looks like after high school. Day one of the boot camp was an introductory session on the different states found in the USA, and the five key things to consider when applying to US universities which are: location, financing your studies, completing applications, visa application and transition to the USA. After going through the steps, I realized that certain things like the weather patterns are also an important aspect to research.

Secondly, I learnt of the need for financial aid as it is the main thing to consider when applying to a university abroad. This was paired together with university research and how to narrow down to the universities that best suit you. Not forgetting on applying to as many universities to increase admission chances. That is the time I had to create an account on College Board and begun research as quickly as I could. As I speak now, I have researched a number of universities that I have interest in.

The last major thing was on SATs. They gave us latest materials to use for SAT practice and for university research. The boot camp was full of different activities such as inviting guests to come speak to us about career choices. These were EDUSA scholars who were accepted to different schools. On a key note, I met so many new friends from all over Zambia who I am still in touch with. The end of the boot camp did not mark the end of EDUSA as there are many benefits I'm receiving from them such as paying for SAT test and providing me with bundles for university searches.

In summary, EDUSA has so many benefits and many programs that broaden your mindset in terms of how to apply to USA universities and how to find the right place for you to avoid regrets. It is such an amazing program that gives you the right knowledge you need when preparing to go and study in the USA. It also allows you to look deep into your career through talking to already experienced people in different fields. It is entirely an outstanding program to attend.