Your step by step guide to...

Applying to university in the US

1. Ensure you meet all requirements
   - An up-to-date passport
   - An English language proficiency qualification
   - A SAT exam score
   - Proof of how you will be funding your studies

2. Send off an application to a SEVP-approved institution
   - Apply to a university approved by SEVP
   - If you are successful you will get your Form I-20

3. Fill out SEVIS form and pay the fee
   - You must have your Form I-20
   - Complete your SEVIS form online
   - Pay the US$200 cost

4. Apply for an F-1 or M-1 student visa
   - Ensure you have all relevant documents
   - Apply online for visa
   - Pay the US$160 cost
   - You will be given Form DS-160

5. Make appointment for visa interview
   - Complete and print Form DS-160
   - Have form I-20 on hand
   - Ensure you have passport photos
   - Print your payment receipt for your visa
   - Speak with the US embassy to arrange interview

6. Visa interview
   - Bring all documents
   - Provide evidence of:
     - financial situation
     - qualifications
     - university offer
     - a plan for after graduation
   - Stay calm
   - Be friendly

7. Start planning your journey
   - Can arrive up to 30 days before the start date
   - Organise accommodation
   - Fill out a CF-6059 on boat or plane

8. Arrive in the US to begin your studies
   - Keep all documents on hand
   - Present all required documents at immigration
   - Celebrate!