

INTRODUCTION

Those pursuing tennis on a serious basis in India are often caught in no man's land after they discover that becoming a Pro is a rare event. A very large number of players/parents go through this experience. Players remain in constant danger of not being able to optimize their overall potential. One way of avoiding this situation is to leverage tennis capability to pursue studies. This can lead to value addition that will serve promising players over their entire career-inside or outside tennis.

With this in mind, Harvest has recently launched Harvest US University Placement Initiative (HUSUPI) to assist players to secure admission in US Universities with possible tennis scholarship. Tennis Scholarship could typically range from 25 % to 100% of cost of Under Graduation (equivalent to Graduation in India) studies. This works out to about USD 30,000 to USD 120,000 for the 4 year Under Graduation Program. The exact amount of scholarship will depend on three factors: (a) tennis capability, (b) academic record comprising Grade XII/Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)/Scholastic Admission Test (SAT) scores, and (c) the ranking of preferred US University itself.

Harvest believes that it has got the credentials to do this job effectively. Harvest Tennis Academy (www.harvesttennisacademy.com) was founded in 2005. In 2009, Harvest International School (www.harvestinternationalschool.com) was added to the Campus. The School is affiliated to the University of Cambridge International Examinations. We have the staff which can assist players through the entire admission process including the preparatory phase. The first batch of players is already going through the paces.

WHAT HARVEST WILL DO?

1. Assess the University admission probability based on existing academic record, tennis skills and available financial resources to fund the balance fee (actual fee minus tennis scholarship component)
2. Professionally prepare the tennis video clearly demonstrating the candidate's ability. The video, apart from capturing the various facets of his/her ability, will also have recommendatory statements from the coach. It will carry a short statement from the candidate regarding his/her goals and how a tennis scholarship could be helpful in achieving these goals
3. Upload the tennis video on YouTube to increase its accessibility and get preliminary response from Universities which offer tennis scholarships
4. Short list US Universities where a candidate has a chance of getting admission on good terms.
5. Assist in preparation of candidate's formal admission application. This application will typically include the following sections/processes
 - (a) Personal information
 - (b) Transcripts and Official Records showing subjects taken and grades received in Class XII as well as any state/national or government certificates earned

- (c) English language proficiency- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and SAT score
 - (d) Financial Guarantee. All international applicants on F-1 or J-1 visas must provide Financial Guarantee to show evidence of sufficient funds available for their studies before the application can be processed. In the case of tennis scholarship, evidence has to be shown for availability of balance tuition fee funds and living expenses
 - (e) Non-refundable Application Fee, typically between USD 50-100 for each University
 - (f) Registration with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
 - (g) Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Registration
 - (h) Requisite Medical Certificate
6. Check the status of Application with each University and following up with any additional material, if required
 7. Selection of preferred University for the candidate after all the information on admission/scholarships is available. This will be done in consultation with the candidate and his/her family
 8. Follow up on I-20 Form which confirms admission and is necessary for issuance of Visa
 9. Assist in preparing Visa Application and interview at the Embassy. Follow up with the Embassy for Visa
 10. Provide 45 classes of 45 minutes duration each by experienced tutors over a period of 10 weeks to prepare for SAT examination
 11. Provide boarding and lodging during SAT preparation period

HARVEST CATERS TO 3 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CANDIDATES

1. Candidates who are part of our School-Harvest International School-and are pursuing tennis as well as academics at our Campus. Harvest International School is affiliated with University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) and offers AS/A level, international equivalent of Grade XII
2. Candidates who are undergoing tennis coaching at Harvest Tennis Academy
3. Candidates who have done Grade XII elsewhere but have the requisite tennis skills to make use of our Consultancy Services

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