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Student Union shares personal stories and challenges of university applicants and students, such as finding the way around visas, applications and customs to study in the U.S. Our “how to” content spans from how to get a driver’s license, to how to fill out financial aid forms, to knowing how to speak like an American.

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