



منح جديدة للطلاب المرحلة الثانوية

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES)

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) is seeking Palestinian secondary students to participate in a study-in-the-USA initiative for *high school* students during the 2020-2021 school year.

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) scholarships, funded by the U.S. Department of State, give secondary school students in many Arab and Islamic countries an opportunity to study at American high schools and live with American host families for one academic year. Students will be enrolled in a full academic year, involving ten months of high school study in the United States, attending classes, labs and extracurricular programs with their American classmates. YES students will also participate in special enrichment activities, including community service, youth leadership training, a civics education program and other activities that will develop a well-rounded understanding of American culture through interaction with diverse groups of Americans.

To be eligible to participate in the YES program, students:

- Must be enrolled in 9th or 10th grade at a secondary school at the time of application
- Must be born between February 1, 2002 and August 1, 2005
- Meet a minimum English proficiency requirement, which will be measured by tests
- Have a cumulative grade of B (80%) in all academic subjects and a cumulative grade of B+ (85%) or better in English for the past three years
- Should demonstrate flexibility and a commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding
- Must not be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been born in the United States
- Must be a citizen of the West Bank, Gaza, or East Jerusalem

Students will be placed in carefully chosen American host families by experienced youth exchange organizations that will also monitor and advise the students throughout their stay in the United States. Major expenses such as airfare, room and board, pocket money and most other costs will be paid for by the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES).

The program supports students with disabilities and encourages their participation.

How to apply:

Download application from www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza or obtain a copy from AMIDEAST offices.

Deadlines:

Completed applications must be delivered **by hand** at any AMIDEAST West Bank, Jerusalem, or Gaza office by **October 31, 2019**.

Required attachments:

- Official final transcripts for the past two years
- Copy of your birth certificate

Ramallah: 02-240-8023 ext. 300 or 111

Gaza: 08-282-4635 ext. 206

Hebron: 02-221-3301/2/3

Jerusalem: 02-582-9297

Nablus: 09-238-4533

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