



Scholarships for the 2019 EducationUSA Academy

Deadline for application: February 15, 2019

The U.S Consulate General in Jerusalem and EducationUSA are pleased to announce scholarships for Palestinian students to attend the 2019 EducationUSA Academy. The Academy is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored pre-college academic enrichment program for international high school students that prepares them to submit strong applications to U.S. universities and ultimately choose to study in the United States. In its fourth year, the Academy has expanded significantly to include 15 host institutions in 2019.

The 2019 EducationUSA Academy, which will be hosted by 15 U.S. universities, is a two-to-four-week pre-college academic enrichment program for 15- to 17-year-old students who are foreign nationals and intermediate, advanced, or native English speakers. It provides them with the skills to be successful as undergraduates in their college careers. The following U.S. university campuses will host EducationUSA Academy sessions in 2019:

Diablo Valley College (California), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida), Johns Hopkins University (Maryland), Northwestern University (Illinois), Syracuse University (New York), Temple University (Pennsylvania), University of Alabama-Huntsville (Alabama), University of Colorado Boulder (Colorado), University of Massachusetts Amherst (Massachusetts), University of North Georgia (Georgia), Boston University (Massachusetts), St. Cloud State University (Minnesota), St. John's University (New York), University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Tennessee), University of Wisconsin-Madison (Wisconsin).

Participating students will explore the process of preparing successful college applications as they build college-level academic skills. They will also have the opportunity to experience student life and gain a better understanding of the U.S higher education system. Each institution typically hosts 15-20 students but larger groups are also possible, including groups sent as a unit by governments or institutions abroad. The program also includes customized visits to a diverse range of college and university campuses in the vicinity of the host institution in order for students to gain an understanding of the wide range of institutions available to them. Programs include exposure to large state institutions, smaller private colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges. The Academy is an immersive English language program, so

students are expected to already have sufficient English language skills, though the program can accommodate intermediate level speakers.

Students should visit <http://www.edusaacademy.org> for more information about summer 2019 EducationUSA Academy offerings including a list of host institutions, specialized programs, applicable fees, application procedures, and deadlines. From this site, students will be directed to each host campus website and instructed to follow that institution's application process. Interested students may apply directly to any of the Academy sessions.

The U.S Consulate General in Jerusalem will fund eight scholarships for economically disadvantaged, high-performing students for the 2019 EducationUSA Academy.

Eligible Applicants for Consulate-funded scholarships must be:

- Palestinian citizens, living and attending schools in the West Bank, Jerusalem or Gaza. Note that applicants should be residing in one of these three areas at the time of application submission and during the interview process. (Note: U.S. citizens, including dual nationals, and green card holders are not eligible to apply.)
- 15 to 17 years of age;
- Candidates must be economically disadvantaged and high-performing students.
- Are committed to returning to their home country/community following completion of the program;
- Applicants must be intermediate to advanced English speakers (ie. B2 or higher on the [CEFR](#)); some host institutions may require higher levels of proficiency.)
- Applicants must have a strong interest in experiencing college/university life on a U.S. campus and gaining skills needed to access U.S. higher education opportunities in the future.

Application Deadline and Inquiries:

To apply for scholarships to the 2019 EducationUSA Academy, please complete the "2019 EdUSA USA Scholarship Nomination Form" and submit to the relevant Consulate email address (below) no later than **February 15, 2019**. If selected for the scholarship, students will be required to complete an additional application materials for their selected Academy session.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email completed application packages to Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov or call 02-622-7161 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email completed application packages or inquiries to GazaExchanges@gmail.com.