



The U.S. Department of State
Middle East Partnership Initiative

Announces the
Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program

The U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and AMIDEAST are pleased to announce the **Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program**. The Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program is a new MEPI initiative for capable and highly motivated high school seniors in the Middle East who are from underserved backgrounds. The program will provide four-year university scholarships and internship opportunities at select institutions of higher learning in the Middle East to students who have the potential to become leaders. Eligible students include men and women who represent the region's cultural, religious, and geographic diversity and are from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who could otherwise gain admission to, but would be unable to afford, four years of college. The first Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship recipients should be prepared to begin the program in the Fall 2009 term.

The primary objective of MEPI's Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship program is to build, from among students of underserved backgrounds from the Middle East and North Africa a cadre of university-age leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able, and professionally skilled, and who will become the community, business, and national leaders of the future. The program intends to build leadership skills and the spirit of civic engagement and volunteerism among outstanding university-age students at American University in Cairo, American University of Beirut, and the Lebanese American University.

Scholarship recipients may pursue an undergraduate degree in the field of their choice, though special consideration can be given to candidates who have expressed an interest in the areas of legal studies, economics, education, journalism, history, and/or political science.

Participation in the program includes: travel, academic fees for four years of university, accident and sickness insurance, housing, and a monthly allowance.

Eligibility:

- High school senior or applicant who graduated from high school in 2008, who is a citizen or national and permanent resident of Iraq; and qualified to hold a valid passport;
- Has a strong academic record (If you are short-listed, you will be asked to take the SAT I exam);
- Proficient in written and spoken English with a minimum Institutional TOEFL (ITP) score of 530 that is less than two years old; if you do not have a TOEFL score, or if your score is more than two years old, contact AMIDEAST/Iraq for test scheduling iraq@amideast.org
- Demonstrates maturity, flexibility and leadership potential;
- Is able to start the program in the summer of 2009.

Note: American citizens are not eligible

Program application can be downloaded from www.amideast.org From *Offices* click *Iraq* and then *Programs and Services* and then click *Tomorrow's Leaders* link

DEADLINE IS Friday January 2nd, 2009

Applications are accepted via e-mail: iraq@amideast.org (you must provide all supporting documents in the email).

Or paper copy to one of the following locations:

BAGHDAD: Babel Hotel-AMIDEAST/Iraq Drop Box, Drop box in Lobby of Babel Hotel across from the hotel reception. E-mail: iraq@amideast.org

ERBIL: The AMIDEAST Office in Ainkawa Neighborhood; the office is based at the former WFP building close to Restaurant Italiano, Bldg. #5, Street 240/4/15. E-mail: iraq@amideast.org

BASRA: University of Basra- AMIDEAST/Iraq Drop Box, Bab Al-Zubair Compound-Institute of Live Languages, Drop Box near office of head of the Institute of Live Languages. E-mail: iraq@amideast.org

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