



Scholarships for the 2018 EducationUSA Academy

Deadline for application: February 15, 2018

The U.S Consulate General in Jerusalem and EducationUSA are pleased to announce scholarships for Palestinian students to attend the 2018 EducationUSA Academy as part of our #PalStudyUSA2018 campaign. EducationUSA Academy is a pre-college academic enrichment program for international high school students offering specialized college preparatory content, college-level writing workshops, campus visits, and cultural activities. Students gain an insider's perspective on higher education in the United States while getting the chance to experience and enjoy campus life. In addition to classroom study, students will have opportunities to improve their English skills, learn how to prepare a successful college application, make connections with peers and teachers, and participate in cultural activities that will give them a taste of American life.

The 2018 Academy will be hosted by 11 U.S. universities and colleges in the summer session, and two campuses in the winter. The following campuses will be participating: Diablo Valley College (CA), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL), Johns Hopkins University (MD), Montana State University (MT), Northwestern University (IL), Syracuse University (NY), Temple University (PA), University of Alabama-Huntsville (AL), University of Colorado Boulder (CO), University of Massachusetts Amherst (MA), and University of North Georgia (GA). Each institution normally hosts 15-20 students but larger groups are also possible, including groups sent as a unit by governments or institutions abroad.

Participants in EducationUSA Academy should be international high school students ages 15-17 (18-year-olds may be accepted at some institutions). Participants 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. The program also includes customized visits to diverse 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, HBCUs or other 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.

Students should visit <http://www.edusaacademy.org> for more information about summer 2018 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 six scholarships for economically disadvantaged, high-performing students for the 2018 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.
- 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 2018 EducationUSA Academy, please complete the "2018 EdUSA USA Scholarship Nomination Form" and submit to the relevant Consulate email address (below) no later than **February 15, 2018**.

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.