



## Scholarships for the 2020 EducationUSA Academy

**Deadline for application: Sunday, February 16, 2020**

The U.S. Embassy's Palestinian Affairs Unit (PAU) and EducationUSA are pleased to announce scholarships for Palestinian students to attend the 2020 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.

The 2020 EducationUSA Academy, which will be hosted by 11 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. college and university campuses will host EducationUSA Academy sessions in 2020: Diablo Valley College (California), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida), Northwestern University (Illinois), Syracuse University (New York), Temple University (Pennsylvania), University of Colorado Boulder (Colorado), 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 2020 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.

The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem will fund 12 scholarships for economically disadvantaged, high-performing students for the 2020 EducationUSA Academy.

Eligible applicants for PAU-funded scholarships must be:

- Palestinians, living in and attending schools in Gaza, Jerusalem, or the Ramallah, Hebron, and Nablus areas. Note that applicants should be residing in one of these 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 (i.e. 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 2020 EducationUSA Academy, please complete and submit the "2020 EducationUSA Academy Scholarship Application Form" no later than **Sunday, February 16, 2020**.

If selected for the scholarship, students will be required to complete an additional application material for their selected Academy session.

Applications not fully completed will not be accepted or considered for review.

Only short-listed students will be contacted for an interview.

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** You can contact the EducationUSA Center in Ramallah at [ramallah@educationusa.org](mailto:ramallah@educationusa.org) or call 02-240-8023 ext. 112 or 103 for more information.

**Gaza Applicants:** You can contact EducationUSA Center in Gaza at [gaza@educationusa.org](mailto:gaza@educationusa.org) or call 08-282-4635 ext. 102 for more information.

**To apply, please complete the application form by clicking the link below:**

<https://forms.gle/PXFfrnSVhDaSM1tZA>