



ENGLISH ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions • Access 18

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Access

Access builds skills, confidence, community, and opportunity



01

Build valuable skills

Leadership, communication, and teamwork for school, university, and life.

02

Achieve academically

Strengthen your learning journey and prepare confidently for future education.

03

Find your community

Connect with peers, mentors, and alumni who believe in your potential.

04

Open future doors

Explore scholarships, university pathways, leadership experiences, and careers.

Access alumni describe a place to grow and belong



"Access became part of my life and my heart. I grew as a person and found a part of myself there."

Taleen Abu Naneh

ACCESS 17 • Jerusalem



"I improved my English, teamwork, responsibility, and confidence —and discovered new skills."

Bana Aweisat

ACCESS 17 • Jerusalem



"It was more than an English course: we made memories, built confidence, and became better versions of ourselves."

Access 17 alumni

Jerusalem



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22 questions • 7 FAQ sections • 1 application deadline



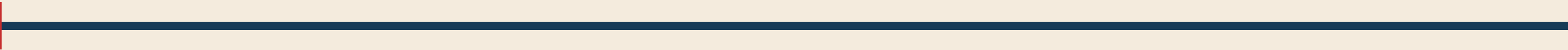
The program runs Dec 2026–Aug 2028 in Jerusalem and Bethlehem

DEC 2026

AUG 2028



Program begins



Program concludes

SCHOOL YEAR

2 days per week · 2 hours per session · afternoons

Winter and summer breaks include more frequent classes.

JERUSALEM

**Amideast Jerusalem
or America House Jerusalem**

BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem University

Parents receive guidance and direct program support



Q4 How will parents learn about the program?

Review the official announcement during the application stage. Families of selected students will attend an orientation and sign required consent forms.

Q5 How can parents contact the team?

Use the Access team contact information provided during the application process.

Regular attendance is mandatory

Your place in the program depends on showing up consistently.

IF YOU MUST MISS CLASS

Inform your teacher

Regular attendance is mandatory.

Absences are approved only in exceptional circumstances. Illness and other valid reasons may require supporting documentation.

School exams are not an excuse — but teachers consider exam periods and adjust coursework to help you balance both commitments.

NOT APPROVED

Travel, holidays, or convenience

Umrah, vacations, and summer holidays are not approved reasons. Summer includes essential intensive programming.

Repeated or unapproved absences may result in losing your place in Access.

Success requires effort, participation, and at least 70%

70%

minimum passing grade
in every semester

360

program hours

CERTIFICATE

Successful graduates receive a certificate bearing the U.S. Department of State stamp.

During the first module

Students can improve their grades with teacher guidance. Those who do not show commitment or make a genuine effort may be removed.

Graduate by combining passing grades + regular attendance + active participation

Access develops English, leadership, confidence, and community engagement

ENGLISH
+
LEADERSHIP
+
LIFE SKILLS

Classes and activities encourage students to use English and build confidence.

WHAT YOU BUILD

- 01 Stronger English-language skills
- 02 Leadership and life skills
- 03 Confidence and teamwork
- 04 Friendships and connections
- 05 Readiness for university and careers

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Workshops • community service • volunteering • cultural events
• leadership activities • educational experiences



Tuition, transportation support, books, and materials are covered

01

FREE

Fully funded scholarship supported by the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

02

TRAVEL

Students receive a transportation allowance.

03

BOOKS

Books and learning materials are provided at no cost.

Cost should not stand between eligible students and the Access experience.

Eligible applicants are strong grade 8–9 students in designated areas

YOU CAN APPLY

Grade 8 or 9

Live in a designated geographic area of Jerusalem or Bethlehem

English grade of at least

90%

Plus a high overall academic average and all other program requirements

YOU CANNOT APPLY

Grade 10

Living outside the designated Jerusalem or Bethlehem program areas

Once enrolled, students must maintain at least 70% each semester in the Access program.

Applications are due November 15, 2026

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2026

NEED HELP WITH THE FORM?

Contact Amideast by phone or through its social media platforms.

The program team can answer application questions.

BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Upload and submit the application and every required supplemental document.

Incomplete or late submissions may not proceed.



Complete applications move through review, interview, and possible testing



NOT SELECTED BEFORE?

Apply again if you are still in grade 8 or 9 and meet every eligibility requirement.



READY TO APPLY?

Strengthen your English. Build your confidence. Open future doors.

- 01 Confirm you meet the eligibility requirements
- 02 Prepare the application and supporting documents
- 03 Submit through the channel in the official announcement or using the following link
www.amideast.org/wbg/access

APPLICATION
DEADLINE

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Questions? Contact the Amideast team using the channels in the official program announcement.