



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

2022 Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate (TLU) Program  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**General Questions:**

**1. What is the Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Program?**

The TLU Program is an innovative opportunity that offers degree-granting, university-level undergraduate scholarships at select U.S. accredited institutions of higher education in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA): The American University of Beirut (AUB), The Lebanese American University (LAU) in Lebanon, and The American University in Cairo (AUC) in Egypt.

Eligible students include candidates who have the potential to become leaders, represent the region's cultural, religious, and geographic diversity, are from socio-economically deserving backgrounds, and are unable to afford four years of college enrollment at an American university in the MENA region.

The primary objective of the TL program is to build a cadre of university-aged leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able, and professionally skilled, who will become community, business, and national leaders in the future.

**2. Who sponsors the Tomorrow's Leaders Program?**

Tomorrow's Leaders is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) with funding provided by the U.S. Government, administered by Amideast.

**Application Questions:**

**3. Who is eligible to apply for the Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Program?**

- A citizen or national of Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen or West Bank and Gaza (including Palestinians residing outside of the West Bank and Gaza) [LINK to country pages] and those eligible to hold valid passports from these countries. Please see your country-specific information page for additional information. *Note: U.S. Citizens or U.S. Legal Permanent Residents are not eligible to apply.*

- Students from all eligible countries who graduated from high school in 2021 or who are currently enrolled in 12th grade are eligible to apply. Students applying from Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen who graduated from high school in 2020 may also apply.
- Candidates with strong academic records and able to pass the *Tawjihi*, *Thanaweya Amma*, or other equivalent high school leaving exam in the final year.
- Candidates with proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum score of 55 on the TOEFL iBT® that is less than two years old.
- Candidates that display maturity, flexibility, and leadership potential.

**4. When is the application period for the Tomorrow’s Leaders Undergraduate Program?**

The launch date of the online TLU application is September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The deadline for applicants to submit their applications is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**5. How can I apply to the Tomorrow’s Leaders Undergraduate Program?**

You may apply online at [www.amideast.org/tl](http://www.amideast.org/tl). You may also download and apply through our mobile app available on our website at [www.amideast.org/tl](http://www.amideast.org/tl) or the Apple App Store or Google Play.

**6. How can I upload documents to my application?**

To upload a document to your application from a computer, scroll to the bottom of the page where you can manage or upload your document, select the document type from the dropdown list, click the “**Choose File**” button to navigate to the location of the file you want to upload, and then click “**Upload Document**”.

To upload a document to your application with the mobile app, select the document type from the dropdown list, type in the description, and then click “**Select Document**”. If the document is already saved to your phone in a storage app, use the “**Upload From Storage**” option, navigate to where the document is saved to select it, and then click save. If the document is already saved to your photo gallery, use the “**Upload From Gallery**” option, find the photo in your gallery and click to select it, and then click save.

If the document is not stored on your phone, choose the “**Upload From Camera**” option, then take a picture with your phone camera of the document. By selecting the “Retake” option, you can retake the picture. To select the photo click “**Use Photo**” t then save. To use this feature, you must provide the MEPI Tomorrow’s Leaders app to access your camera.

**7. When can I expect to hear about my results of the Tomorrow’s Leaders application?**

Following the application deadline, applicants will be informed within 4-5 weeks of their selection or non-selection for the next stage of the competition, which is an English language assessment to be arranged by Amideast in late December 2021. Candidates who successfully pass the language test should be ready to attend an interview in January 2022. Nominees from the interview process will be informed of their status in May 2022. Final candidates are selected by the universities in May to June 2022. Selected students must be able to start the Tomorrow’s Leaders Program in August of 2022.

**8. Do I need to submit my school transcripts or academic records?**

Students who graduated from high school in 2021 must upload their official transcripts from grades 10, 11, and 12 through the online application or mobile app.

Students who are currently in their senior year of high school must upload their official transcripts from grades 10 and 11. Shortlisted applicants will be asked to submit their year 12 transcripts as soon as they are released.

**9. I do not have a valid passport. Can I apply with my national identification card (ID)?**

Yes, you can submit your online application using your national identification card (ID). If you are shortlisted, you will be advised to apply for a passport to proceed with the following steps of your application.

**10. I am a dual citizen of the U.S. and another country. Am I eligible to apply?**

No. U.S. citizens and U.S. legal permanent residents are not eligible to apply.

**11. I am a citizen of one of the eligible countries listed in the answer to FAQ #3 above, but I am currently a permanent resident in another country. Am I eligible to apply?**

Yes, as long as you are *not* a legal permanent resident of the United States.

**12. What fields of study can Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate students apply to?**

Students can find more information about the available fields of study/majors at each of the participating universities through the following links: [ADD links]

- The American University of Beirut
- The Lebanese American University
- The American University in Cairo

**13. Is there an age requirement for Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate program applicants?**

Applicants must be a current high school senior or have graduated from high school in the previous year. Students applying from Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen who graduated from high school in 2020 may also apply.

**14. May I apply if I have already graduated from high school?**

Students from all eligible countries who graduated from high school in 2021 or who are currently enrolled in 12th grade are eligible to apply. Students applying from Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen who graduated from high school in 2020 may also apply.

**15. Do I need to have strong English language skills?**

Applicants for the TLU Program need to have proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum of 55 for the TOEFL iBT® 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 for test scheduling. Students who qualify may be eligible for up to one year of intensive English Language training.

**16. What is needed to complete my application?**

A complete application will include:

- All applicable sections of the application completely filled out
- Essay 1 (250-300 words) on leadership
- Essay 2 (250-300 words) on your planned field of study
- Essay 3 (250-300 words) on your future goals

- Official Transcripts for 10 and 11 (and 12 when available) of your secondary school.
- Documentation of extracurricular or volunteer activities
- Supporting financial documents
- TOEFL iBT score sheet
- SAT I or SAT II score sheet (required for select majors and students who attend American-style high schools)
- Photo
- 2-3 recommendation forms
- Parental Consent Form (if you are under 18 years of age). The parental consent form is built into the online application system. Applicants under the age of 18 will be required to download the parental consent form and have a parent/guardian sign it before they can submit their application.

**17. How can I document my volunteer experience?**

You may document your volunteer experience through a certificate, you may ask the organization with whom you have volunteered to write a letter explaining your involvement, or you may upload pictures demonstrating volunteer activities if you do not have certification of participation.

**18. Can I apply without a TOEFL test score?**

Yes. However, applicants do need to have proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum of 55 for the TOEFL iBT® 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 for test scheduling.

**Program Questions:**

**19. Who are the partner universities for the Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Program?**

- The American University of Beirut (AUB)
- The American University in Cairo (AUC)
- The Lebanese American University (LAU)

**20. Can I choose which university to attend?**

All applicants must be willing to attend any of the three universities. While students will have the opportunity to indicate their preferred major field of study, final admissions decisions will be made based on each university's admission requirements.

**21. When would I start my studies?**

Students who apply to the TLU Program in 2021 are expected to start their studies in August 2022.

**22. What does the program cover?**

- Full tuition (for a maximum period of four academic years) at one of the participating universities;
- University health insurance;
- Housing;
- A monthly living allowance;
- Two-yearly round-trip tickets from and to home country or place of residence, if different from home country;

- Civic leadership and career-oriented workshops, internship opportunities, and faculty mentorship and guidance;
- An opportunity to complete a semester abroad at institutions in the U.S.

**23. Do I need to maintain a specific GPA during my studies?**

Yes, TLU students are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 throughout their years of study in order to remain a Tomorrow's Leaders Scholar in good standing.

**24. Does the program send scholarship recipients to the United States?**

Scholarship recipients will be enrolled in American-style universities in the Middle East: American University of Beirut (AUB), American University in Cairo (AUC), and Lebanese American University (LAU). As part of the program, students may be eligible to apply for a semester abroad in the United States at designated American universities.

**25. Who can I contact for more information?**

Amideast staff in each participating Tomorrow's Leaders country will be happy to answer any additional questions. Please see [www.amideast.org/tl](http://www.amideast.org/tl) and follow the link to your country to find our local contact information.