



# U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo

*Between the Lines: International Writer's Program for Chaperones*

## Description

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) at the University of Iowa, the U.S. State Department's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce an exchange opportunity for young aspiring writers from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East - Between the Lines (BTL). The Program will take place at the University of Iowa from June 22 to July 8, 2013. Students (between the ages of 16 and 19) will be accompanied by chaperones.

## Eligibility Criteria

All chaperones must:

- Be citizens, nationals or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport
- Be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of June 22, 2013 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking)
- Demonstrate experience working with young people, particularly students in the demographic (secondary school/college undergrad) - ideally a teacher from the students' school who is interested in creative writing
- Has not had previous exposure to the United States
- Be willing to assist BTL faculty and IWP staff with projects related to promoting creative writing and the teaching of creative writing in the Middle East
- Be reliable, mature, and willing and able to take on the dual responsibilities of their own program and the overall duties of overseeing the students
- Be ready to fully participate in a formal English language program on creative writing teaching methods that will also include American teachers

## Application Instructions

Each applicant must submit an updated resume/CV in English, a brief statement of purpose in English describing his or her goals for the program and how his or her participation will benefit the program, copy of passport or ID and Contact Information Coversheet to [ExchangesCairo@state.gov](mailto:ExchangesCairo@state.gov) indicating the name of the program in the subject.

To download the chaperone Contact Information Coversheet, please visit:

<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

**Deadline for Applications: March 7, 2013, 4:30 p.m.**