



ENGLISH ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN EGYPT



Building a Foundation

In Egypt many bright but economically disadvantaged students encounter a common hurdle in their quest for higher education and better jobs: the lack of English language skills.

The English Access Microscholarship Program gives them the skills they need to fulfill their aspirations, and at the same time gain a better understanding of the cultures and values of America and Egypt. Access participants and their families must demonstrate commitment to the program, motivation, and financial need.



U.S. Ambassador Margaret Scobey meets Beni Suef Governor and Access graduates

The Access program features American-style classroom experience using U.S. materials with an emphasis on active learning. In addition to English, Access offers leadership training, internet skills, and preparation for jobs.

The English Access Microscholarship Program provides a foundation of English language skills to talented 14-to-18-year-olds from disadvantaged sectors through afterschool classes and intensive summer learning activities. The program gives participants English skills that lead to better jobs and educational prospects. Participants also gain the ability to compete for and participate in future exchanges and study in the U.S. Since its inception in 2004, 32,000 students in 50 countries have participated in the Access program.

"This course (Access) changed me a lot in different ways, as it taught me to really love my community and to try as hard as possible to better it. And also in dealing with others, how to appreciate rules and follow instructions."

**Access participant
El Minya, Egypt**

"Through our ability to use English we started to know about other cultures, and other ways of thinking and to appreciate these cultures as well as our own. We had the chance to meet and communicate with people from other parts of the world."

**Access graduate
Assyut, Egypt**

"It (Access) changed my life; it changed my thinking, my choices, my friends. It opened doors. There isn't one area it didn't benefit me."

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A Path to Mutual Understanding and Educational Opportunities

English Access Microscholarship graduates have been selected for participation in State Department-sponsored high school exchanges and undergraduate student leader institutes in the U.S. Learning English

provides students with a new window on America and the world that can enhance trust and mutual understanding.

Our Partners

The U.S. Embassy works in partnership with the American University in Cairo (AUC), AMIDEAST, and other public, private and non-governmental partners to carry out this program. Access is now being delivered in twelve different governorates: Fayoum, Beni Suef, Minya, Assuit, Aswan, Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said, Qena, Shebin El-Kawm, Tanta and Al-Arish.

In the photos above Access graduates (left) at a camp and an American teacher (right) with Access students.



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