



## منح جديدة للطلاب المرحلة الثانوية

### **Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES)**

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) is seeking Palestinian secondary school students to participate in a study-in-the-USA initiative for *high school* students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) scholarships, funded by the US Department of State, give secondary school students in many Arab and Islamic countries an opportunity to study at American high schools and live with American host families for one academic year. Students will be enrolled in a full academic year, involving ten months of high school study in the US, attending classes, labs and extracurricular programs with their American classmates. YES students will also participate in special enrichment activities, including community service, youth leadership training, a civics education program and other activities that will develop a well-rounded understanding of American culture through interaction with diverse groups of Americans.

#### **To be eligible to participate in the YES, students:**

- Be enrolled in 9th or 10th grade at a secondary school at the time of application
- Must be born between January 1, 1997 and August 1, 2000
- Meet a minimum English proficiency requirement, which will be measured by a test;
- Have a cumulative grade of B (80%) in all academic subjects and a cumulative grade of B+ (85%) or better in English for the past three years;
- Should demonstrate flexibility and a commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding
- Must not be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been born in the United States
- Be a resident of the West Bank, Gaza, or East Jerusalem

Students will be placed in carefully chosen American host families by experienced youth exchange organizations that will also monitor and advise the students throughout their stay in the US. Major expenses such as airfare, room and board, pocket money and most other costs will be paid for by the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES).

*The program supports students with disabilities and encourages their participation.*

#### **How to apply:**

Download applications from <http://www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza> or obtain forms from AMIDEAST offices.

#### **Deadlines:**

Completed applications must be received by fax or hand at any AMIDEAST West Bank, Jerusalem, or Gaza office by **October 2, 2014**.

Ramallah: 02-240-8023 ext 111, 300

Gaza: 08-282-4635 ext 105

Hebron: 02-221-3301/2/3

Jerusalem: 02-582-9297

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