



**The American Consulate General in Jerusalem – Public Affairs Office announces  
The MEPI Student Leaders Program (summer program)**



**Application Deadline: January 14, 2016**

The MEPI Student Leaders Program is a fully-funded six-week intensive leadership training program in the United States for undergraduate students from across the Middle East and North Africa. The program runs from **June 26 - August 5, 2016**, and consists of two key components: a five-week academic residency at a selected U.S. academic institution and a one-week study tour designed to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. MEPI Student Leaders is designed for emerging leaders who demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement in their own communities upon completion of the program. The program consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions on topics including conflict resolution, social and political change management, and the role of civil society in the democratic process, site visits, community service projects, optional home stays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- Palestinian citizens, living and attending university in the West Bank, Jerusalem or Gaza. Note that applicants should be residing in one of these three areas at the time of application submission and during the interview process.
- Are 20 to 24 years of age;
- Demonstrate strong English language skills needed for participation in a U.S. academic program;
- Are committed to returning to their home country/community following completion of the program;
- Demonstrate strong leadership potential and a commitment to civic engagement;
- Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- Have a sustained high level of academic achievement;
- Have no prior travel experience in the United States and limited to no study or travel experience outside their home country;
- Are willing and able to participate fully in intensive academic, community service, and educational travel activities;
- Are comfortable with campus life, sharing living accommodations while traveling with a multinational group of participants from the Middle East and North Africa and with U.S.



citizens, and making adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home countries/communities; and

- Are comfortable spending Ramadan and Eid in the United States.
- U.S. passport and L.P.R. (green card) holders are ineligible to apply.

**Application Deadline and inquiries:**

Please submit a copy of your passport, CV, and application form attached by **January 14, 2016**

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** Email completed application packages to [jerusalemexchanges@state.gov](mailto:jerusalemexchanges@state.gov); call 02-622-7172 or (0545) 420 953 for more information.

**Gaza Applicants:** Email completed application packages to [GazaExchanges@gmail.com](mailto:GazaExchanges@gmail.com); call 08-286-4623, or 059-967-7317 for more information.

The details and application for the program can be found at the following site:

[http://photos.state.gov/libraries/jerusalem/328666/exchange\\_programs/2016\\_mepi\\_student\\_leaders\\_program\\_announcement.pdf](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/jerusalem/328666/exchange_programs/2016_mepi_student_leaders_program_announcement.pdf) AND

[http://photos.state.gov/libraries/jerusalem/328666/exchange\\_programs/2016\\_mepi\\_student\\_leaders\\_program\\_application.pdf](http://photos.state.gov/libraries/jerusalem/328666/exchange_programs/2016_mepi_student_leaders_program_application.pdf)



# Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

## 2016 Student Leaders Program

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**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(as it appears on your passport)* Family

First

Middle

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Permanent mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*Day / Month / Year*

Citizenship:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_



Place of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

University Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate your year at the  
university: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field: \_\_\_\_\_

*(e.g. economics, science, business, English, etc.)*

Minor Field: \_\_\_\_\_

*(if applicable)*

## REFERENCES

Please provide the name of a professor who has agreed to serve as a reference for your application.

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Please provide complete information about all the educational institutions that you have attended or are attending for your secondary and undergraduate education.

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>Institution Location</b> <b>(City, Country/Territory)</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b> <b>MM/YY – MM/YY</b>		<b>Major / Minor Fields</b>	<b>GPA</b>
College/University:		From:	To:		
Secondary School:		From:	To:		

Please explain any gaps in your education: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HONORS/AWARDS

Please list any special honors or awards you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Speaking:     Excellent  
Excellent

Reading:     Excellent

Writing:   

Good  
Good

Good

Fair

Fair

Fair

## WORK EXPERIENCE *(if applicable)*

Please start with your most recent position. You may include volunteer activities and internships.

Name of Employer and Location	Your Job Title and Responsibilities	Dates of Employment	
		MM/YY – MM/YY	
		From:	To:
		From:	To:
		From:	To:



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**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** *(if applicable)*

Please describe any activities, clubs, or organizations in which you participate. You may include volunteer and sports activities.

Name of Activity	Describe the activity and your role	Dates of Involvement	
		MM/YY – MM/YY	
		From:	To:
		From:	To:
		From:	To:
		From:	To:

**MEMBERSHIPS** *(if applicable)*

Please list your membership in any other organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL INTERESTS** *(if applicable)*



Please describe any hobbies or special interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**

Please describe any previous travel or study outside of your home country/territory. If you have not traveled outside your home country/territory, indicate “none.”

<b>Location</b>	<b>Travel Dates</b> <b>MM/YY – MM/YY</b>		<b>Travel Purpose</b> <b>(e.g. vacation, school, etc.)</b>	<b>US Government Program? Y/N</b>
	From:	To:		
	From:	To:		
	From:	To:		

**How did you hear about the Student Leaders program?**

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**SHORT ESSAY #1 (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS)**

*Write about a problem currently affecting your community. If it were within your abilities, how would you work to solve this problem?*



**SHORT ESSAY #2 (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS)**

*What are the qualities of an effective leader? Name one leader living today whom you admire and explain why.*



**DISCLAIMER** *(all applicants)*

The information in this application is accurate and complete. The written work in the short essays is my own and I have not been assisted by any other person. I understand that I may be required to verify information in this application by providing documentation including (but not limited to) transcripts, test scores, and writing samples. I also understand that intentionally falsifying information in this application could be grounds for disbarment from U.S. Government funded exchange programs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_