

American Palestinian Local University Scholarships Program (A-PLUS)

Student Application for the 2010 Program

Instructions

All sections of this application must be fully completed in order for you to be considered for the program. Please type or print using black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Completed forms should be returned to an AMIDEAST office. **Please do not attach any unsolicited documents.**

Application Deadline: April 29, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.

Personal Information

YOUR NAME _____

(as it appears on your passport or ID)

Last

First

Middle

CONTACT INFORMATION

Physical address in your home country:

Home telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____

City: _____

E-mail address: _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

Place: _____
City

Country

Country of permanent legal residence: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

Which of the following travel documents do you carry?

Palestinian I.D. Card

Number: _____

Jerusalemite Laissez-Passer

Number: _____

Do you hold an American passport or green card?

Yes No

Do you hold an Israeli passport? Yes No

List **all** countries where citizenship is held: _____

Are you a registered Palestinian refugee? No

Yes: Name of camp: _____

Family & Financial Background

(A) Parent Information

Father's Employment

- Employed Unemployed since year _____
 Retired since year _____ Deceased since year _____

Current employer and position: _____

Please state his current **monthly** salary/income in **2010**: _____

Father's Education

- None Primary School Secondary School Vocational
Bachelor's Master's PhD

Mother's Employment

- Employed Unemployed since year _____
 Retired since year _____ Deceased since year _____

Current employer and position: _____

Please state her current **monthly** salary/income in **2010**: _____

Mother's Education

- None Primary School Secondary School Vocational
Bachelor's Master's PhD
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(B) Sibling Information

Number of Brothers: _____

Number of Sisters: _____

Name of Brother/Sister	Age	Current/Previous Occupation

(C) Family Financial Assessment

During 2009, how much household income did your family receive from the following sources?

(Please indicate yearly amount for each category in U.S. dollars)

- Mother's (or Guardian's) annual income \$ _____
- Father's (or Guardian's) annual income \$ _____
- Your work \$ _____
- Family business \$ _____
- Family real estate holdings \$ _____
- Pension \$ _____
- Any other sources of family income \$ _____
- Other (explain) \$ _____

- TOTAL YEARLY INCOME** \$ _____

Does your family own property or family home? Yes No

(D) Other Family Information

Does any member of your family currently work for AMIDEAST as a staff member or a teacher, or do you have any family members who have worked for AMIDEAST during the past year? Yes No

If the answer is 'Yes', please explain: _____

Secondary School Information

School name (in English): _____

School address: _____

Type of school: Private Public

Current grade level: 12th (only students currently in the 12th grade can apply)

Extracurricular, Volunteer Activities & Honors

- a) Have you ever participated in any courses or programs administered by AMIDEAST (for example, Access, Educational Advising, YES, English language training, etc)? Yes No

If yes, please specify name(s) of program(s), and date(s): _____

- b) List all extracurricular activities and all hobbies in which you have participated. Please state if you have received any awards, or have any outstanding achievements in these activities.

Name and Description of Activity	Month/Year Started	Month/Year Ended

Name of Award	Reason for Receiving Award	Date of Award

- c) Academic Honors – List any honors or distinctions you received: _____

Information about Proposed Field of Study

In which field of study do you plan to major (for example, Arts, Business, Engineering, English, Medicine, etc.) and why do you want to study that particular field? _____

Physical Challenges/Disabilities

Do you have any physical disabilities? Yes No

Please describe any physical disabilities that you have: _____

If invited for an interview, would you require any special assistance? (For example, sign language interpreter.)

If so, please describe. _____

How did you find out about A-PLUS? (Please check all that apply)

At your local AMIDEAST office
(Please specify - a display or flier, an advising session, etc.): _____

From a friend From a relative From a teacher/professor

From an advertisement (Please specify the location of the ad): _____

From a local NGO/University (Please specify): _____

Other (Please specify): _____

Personal Statement

1. Briefly describe your family's socio-economic situation and why you should be selected to receive this scholarship? (Please limit your response to 250 words.)

Eligibility Checklist

Competition for the program is open to anyone who meets the following requirements. **Anyone who does not meet the eligibility requirements listed below should NOT apply.**

Verify your eligibility by checking each box to indicate that YOU ARE eligible:

- Legal resident of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, or Gaza Strip
- Come from a socio economically disadvantaged background
- Currently in the 12th grade and have grade average of 90% or better
- Expected to receive a 85% or higher Tawjihi score
- Ability to gain acceptance to attend a local university in the West Bank & Gaza
- Must not be a U.S. citizen or green card holder

Sign here to indicate that you have read and understood all of the above eligibility requirements. Evidence of dishonesty or withholding of relevant information in the application or dealings with program representatives at any time will result in dismissal from the program.

By signature below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in all parts of my application is accurate and complete, and that AMIDEAST is hereby given the permission to cross-check any information contained in this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please complete **all** sections of the application form for which you have relevant information. All applicants must submit a completed application and the following supporting documents by hand to AMIDEAST by the deadline.

Tick the items in the checklist below to indicate the information/documents provided:

- Final 2007/2008 academic year Grades/Report Card**
- Final 2008/2009 academic year Grades/Report Card**
- First Semester 2009/2010 academic year Grades/Report Card**
- School Recommendation Letter**

Applications not fully completed or missing required supporting documents will not be accepted or considered for review.

STUDENT'S CONSENT— *To be completed by the student*

It is important to understand that you must attend **all** scheduled activities and that you must participate successfully in all the program components listed below in order to stay enrolled in the A-PLUS Program. You will be required to adhere to all AMIDEAST policies pertaining to attendance, behavior, punctuality and assignments. Your eligibility to continue on to other components of the program will depend upon successful completion of each phase of the program.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The A-PLUS Program will consist of four components:

- ❖ full academic scholarships for Bachelor's degree programs at selected local Palestinian universities
- ❖ practical professional skills training
- ❖ career counseling
- ❖ professional internship opportunities

I, the student, _____ understand and agree to accept the A-PLUS Program regulations.

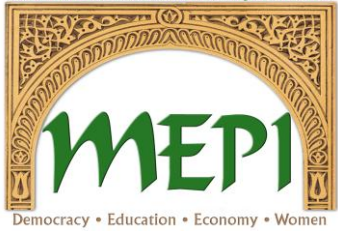
Student signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT'S CONSENT— *To be completed by a parent*

My son/daughter has my permission to apply for and to participate in ALL components of the A-PLUS Program, administered by AMIDEAST. I agree that my son/daughter is required to abide by all AMIDEAST policies pertaining to attendance, behavior, punctuality and assignments and may be expelled from the program if he/she does not adhere to all of these policies.

I hereby confirm that all information contained in this application is true and accurate and that I understand that my son/daughter may be removed from the program if it comes to AMIDEAST's attention that any of the information provided in this application is not true or accurate.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____



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SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION

PART I:

Name of Applicant: _____

PART II:

Name and Title of Recommender: _____

Contact information (include e-mail if available): _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Months _____ Years

PART III:

- a) What is the student's current grade average? _____%
- b) Is the student expected to receive an 85% or higher in the Tawjihi exam? Yes No
- c) How do you rank the applicant among others in his/her class?
 Top 5% Top 10% Top 25% Other _____%
- d) How would you rank the student's socio-economic status?

Circle the appropriate number on the 1 - 5 scale, 1 indicating that the student's family is considered quite poor by Palestinian standards, and 5 indicating that the student's family is considered very well-off.

Poor.....	Average/Middle Class.....	Wealthy
1	2	3
		4
		5

e) Using the chart below, please rate the applicant in comparison with others in the same grade.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Academic Performance					
Motivation to Learn					
Study Habits					
Attendance in Class					
Participation in extracurricular activities					
Leadership Qualities					
Character					
Resourcefulness & Initiative					
Adaptability to new situations					

Name (Please print): _____ Title: _____

Official signature: _____ Date: _____

<p>Official School Stamp</p>
