

Fulbright Student Scholarship Program: Obtain a Master's Degree in the United States

You are invited to apply for a grant to obtain a master's degree at a university in the United States! The Fulbright Student Scholarship Program, which covers a maximum of two academic years of study beginning in August 2013, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State through the Embassy of the United States of America in Lebanon. AMIDEAST administers the program, which is funded by the U.S. Congress. Originally proposed by Senator J. William Fulbright in 1945, the scholarship has become the U.S. government's flagship program in international educational exchange.

The grant includes: roundtrip airfare between Lebanon and the United States, tuition, books, health insurance, and room and board. Funding is *not* available to meet the expenses of Fulbright students' dependents (spouses, children, parents, etc.).

Applicant Requirements

A competitive applicant will have an excellent academic record, strong English language skills, an outstanding character, and the commitment to return to Lebanon upon completion of the program. An applicant:

- Must be a Lebanese citizen residing in Lebanon or a legal, long-term Palestinian resident in Lebanon.
- Cannot be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident (green card holder).
- Must have a bachelor's degree from an institution recognized by the Lebanese Ministry of Higher Education (or will graduate with a bachelor's degree before summer 2013).
- Will demonstrate academic excellence within his/her field of specialization.
- Will pursue a field of study benefiting Lebanese society and/or Lebanese-American relations.
- May apply for a master's degree in any field of study except electrical, mechanical and computer engineering, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, clinical fields or nursing (nursing administration is permitted).
- Obtain a minimum TOEFL score of 80 (Internet-based).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Provisions

Preference will be given to applicants who have not studied in the United States previously.

Fulbright students will not be eligible for U.S. employment, immigration or residency visas for two years after ending the program. Fulbright students are eligible to apply for student, tourist, and business visas to the U.S. after completing the Fulbright Program.

For additional Fulbright program and application information, please contact AMIDEAST:

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Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Application Instructions

I. Complete the online application (*available at www.amideast.org/lebanon in February 2012*).

1. Answer **all** questions accurately and completely.
2. Late or incomplete applications will **not** be accepted under any circumstances.
3. Carefully write the essays which are key components of the application. Each essay must be a minimum of 250 and a maximum of 600 words. The selection committee will review these essays closely.
4. Upload your curriculum vitae or résumé.
5. Upload your transcripts (unofficial copy is acceptable).
6. TOEFL iBT score.

Note: The paper-based ITP TOEFL available at AMIDEAST is acceptable at the time of application. Selected finalists will be required to take the TOEFL iBT for entry into graduate programs.

Free workshops on the Fulbright scholarship, the application process and essay writing will be held at AMIDEAST every first and last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm until the May 16th deadline.

Any student requiring assistance or access to a computer and internet connection to complete the application is welcome to use the AMIDEAST student advising center for free.

II. Present the following supporting documents to the AMIDEAST office before the deadline on May 16, 2012

1. One official transcript (or certified copy) for each undergraduate and graduate degree (in English).
2. Documentation of class rank (if available).
3. Copy of all degrees in English (if available).
4. Copy of only the biodata information page in English from the applicant's passport (if available).
5. Two recent passport-sized photos with the applicant's name written on the back.
6. Three sealed letters of recommendation (two from university professors). Letters of recommendation can be submitted online.

Master of Business Administration (MBA) candidates: Three sealed letters of recommendation (two from professional colleagues).

Note: All recommendations must be submitted on the official Fulbright letter of recommendation form available on the website. Anyone writing a recommendation should not submit a letter using any other format.

III. Optional Submission of Graduate-Level Exam Scores

1. Applicants for most graduate programs must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
2. MBA degree applicants must take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) instead of the GRE and have a minimum of two years' work experience (by August 2012)

Applicants are *not* required to submit graduate exam results at the time of application. Scores may be submitted if available. Final selection of Fulbright grantees, however, will be contingent upon successful completion of the requisite exams in August 2012.

Serious applicants are encouraged to prepare in advance for these required exams.

Submission deadline for application and supporting documents:

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 (4:30 pm)

Applications must be completed online.
Late or incomplete applications will *not* be considered.

*Short-listed candidates will be invited for an in-person interview in late June 2012.
Phone interviews are not possible.*