

U.S. Department of State's English Access Microscholarship Program
Request for Access 13 (FY18) Grant Proposals in Egypt

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2019

The Regional English Language Office (RELO) in the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, on behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Office of English Language Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposals from qualified organizations to administer the FY18 English Access Microscholarship Program in Egypt, "Access 13."

English Access Microscholarship must provide a minimum of 360 hours of high quality, American-style, after-school and summer-intensive English classes and enhancement activities for disadvantaged teens at a cost of approximately \$1500 per student.

To be eligible, Access Program participants must be highly-motivated, economically-disadvantaged 13 to 18-year-old students currently enrolled in Ministry of Education or Al Azhar governmental schools or public technical schools with average grades or better. The participant selection process must be transparent and competitive and must aim for gender parity.

To compete for the Access 13 grant, local and international non-governmental organizations and educational institutions need to submit full proposals to the RELO Cairo office by August 31, 2019 using the FY18 Access Proposal template.

If interested to apply please email us at SalemSA@state.gov, in order to receive the proposal template form, the proposed locations, along with the Access Handbook. Please submit your proposals electronically to the RELO Cairo office (SalemSA@state.gov) by Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Program Information

Description: The Access Program develops English language skills and capabilities among economically-disadvantaged youth (13-18 years of age), while also introducing them to American culture and society through after-school classes and enhancement activities. Access students often gain enough English to participate in future U.S. exchange and study programs.

Project Overview: The grantee organization will be expected to provide selected groups of students with two years of after-school English language instruction and enhancement activities, e.g. at least 180 hours of instruction per year or a minimum 360 hours, aimed at improving students' overall English language proficiency in the four basic skills of speaking, listening, writing and reading. In addition to providing quality instruction in the English language to Access students, grantees will be encouraged to conduct enhancement activities with content that gives the participants insights into, and an appreciation for, U.S. culture and democratic ideals. These English-language activities could involve such things as public speaking or debate clubs, U.S. society and culture (celebrations of American holidays)

programs, community service/service learning, entrepreneurship, and an American-style summer camp. Enhancement activities should be designed to help students better understand U.S. society and ideals, including the U.S. values of volunteerism and community service.

Objectives: The overall objective of the Access Program is to enhance the English-language skills of disadvantaged youth and thereby develop increased self-confidence, stronger critical thinking skills, and better opportunities to study or obtain jobs.

Specific objectives include: 1) Providing students from economically-disadvantaged families with English language classes at no cost; 2) Enabling these students to develop leadership and interpersonal skills through various enhancement activities; 3) Increasing students' understanding of U.S. culture and ideals through enrichment activities; 4) Enabling students with improved English language skills to successfully participate in U.S. government-funded academic exchange programs and other public diplomacy initiatives.

Administration: Grantee organizations are expected to keep administration costs to a minimum. Please note that administration costs may not exceed 10% of the total budget. Grantee organizations are also encouraged to consider cost-sharing.

Program Coordination: The Access Program is administered by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. For questions, please contact Cultural Affairs Assistant Shahenaz Salem at +2-02-2797-3250 or SalemSA@state.gov.

Proposal Submission

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Please note that incomplete proposals will not be taken into consideration.