

American Secondary School Scholarship Competition
Information for Candidates and Families in the Middle East
For the Academic Year 2012/13

Important Dates

Application Deadline Thursday, January 19, 2012
Interviews Tel Aviv: Wednesday, January 25, 2012
 Ramallah: Thursday, January 26, 2012

Application Materials

Please read *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. You may download application materials from the web site.

Please complete all application materials, make a full copy of all documents, and return the original and a copy to one of the addresses noted below. Applications must be submitted by **Thursday, January 19, 2012**.

For Israeli Candidates

Seeds of Peace
Ben Yehuda 68
Tel Aviv
Tel: 972.3.527.3740
telaviv@seedsofpeace.org

For Palestinian Candidates

Seeds of Peace
Al Ersal St, Millennium Bldg, 2nd floor
Al Masayef, Ramallah
Tel: 972.2.2972423
ramallah@seedsofpeace.org

After you have completed and mailed your application, please e-mail Ms. Kristen Sullivan to schedule your interview (kristen@assist-inc.org).

Interviews and Decisions

After receiving applications, ASSIST will schedule an interview for you in either Tel Aviv or Ramallah on the dates noted above.

By the middle of February, the interviewers will meet to select the candidates to whom scholarships will be offered. We will communicate our decisions to all students who were interviewed. Candidates selected for scholarships will be asked to make an immediate decision to accept the scholarship and must bind this decision with a small deposit.

Family Responsibilities

To underwrite the organizational costs involved, a program fee is charged to all participants. The program fees in western Europe and Asia range up to US \$10,950. In eastern and central Europe, the program fees range from US \$1,000 to US \$6,000. The program fee for the Middle East will fall within this latter range, according to family income. Those selected for ASSIST full scholarships are exempted from the school tuition charges, which reach \$50,500 at boarding schools in 2011/12.

In addition to the program fee, families are responsible for all personal expenses, including airfare, visa expenses, health and accident insurance, spending money (about \$150/month), and any activity fees and expenses (such as books and supplies) charged by the school.

We know that not all families can afford the program fee, and ASSIST raises funds to support those scholars. Families in the Middle East will complete a financial aid application, and ASSIST will identify donors who can provide financial support to those families who qualify. The sponsor will pay for all or part of the program fee, and will provide funding for personal expenses such as those noted above: airfare, spending money (US \$,1800), and health and accident insurance. We want the ASSIST experience to be accessible to all talented and deserving students, regardless of their families' income.