

**APPLICATION FOR THE
2009-2010
NEAR EAST & SOUTH ASIA
UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 4pm**

**Please submit your application and
supporting documentations to the
U.S. Embassy in Manama**



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U.S. Department of State**



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NAME (print your name/country): _____ COUNTRY: _____

FIELD OF STUDY

Major Field of Study: _____

Minor Field of Study (if applicable): _____

Name of university (if currently enrolled): _____

Level of coursework you will have completed by July/August 2009 (please check one below):

Final year of Secondary School 1st year undergraduate study 2nd year undergraduate study 3rd year undergraduate study

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Identify the three (3) individuals who will be writing letters of recommendation on your behalf. At least one should be from your secondary school. Make sure these are people who are familiar with your academic and personal qualities.

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____



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PREVIOUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Indicate any scholarships, academic awards or honors that you have received and the year received:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Provide complete information about all the educational institutions that you have attended and, if applicable, information about the institution(s) at which you are presently enrolled. See Application Instructions for information regarding documentation you must provide pertaining to your completed studies.

Institution Name (No abbreviations)	Institution Location (City, Country)	Dates Attended MM/YY – MM/YY		Major Field of Study	Degree Received and Date Received*	Grade Point Average**
Primary School:		From:	To:			
Secondary School:		From:	To:			
Post-Secondary Education: (University)		From:	To:			

* Identify the name of your degree by the word used at the institution that will award/awarded the degree. If you have not yet received the degree, please indicate the date (month and year) you expect to receive it.

** Indicate your Grade Point Average (GPA) according to the system used at the institution at which you studied. Do *not* convert your GPA to the U.S. educational system's equivalent.

Explain any gaps in your education: _____

Have you ever been dismissed from a school or university? No Yes If yes, please explain why:



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NAME (print your name/country): _____ COUNTRY: _____

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native language(s): _____

Number of years of English study: _____ Where studied: _____

Knowledge of foreign languages, including English (rate your abilities as Excellent, Good, or Fair):

Language Name	Reading Ability	Writing Ability	Speaking Ability

STANDARDIZED ENGLISH TEST SCORES

Indicate your TOEFL® or ITP TOEFL® scores.

Test Name	Date taken or to be taken	Score
TOEFL®		
ITP TOEFL®		
OTHER		

You must provide a TOEFL® or ITP score report with this application.

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

List other community service, internships/jobs, sports, hobbies or cultural activities in which you have participated regularly in the past two years. If you were a team leader, council member or other officer in any institution or activity, please note that as well.

Location/Institution and Contact	Type of Activity	Dates of Participation MM/YY – MM/YY	
		From:	To:



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PHYSICAL CHALLENGES/DISABILITIES

Describe any physical disabilities you might have. If you require any special equipment or medical treatment as a result of the physical disabilities, please describe it. This information is gathered for statistical purposes and to ensure appropriate placement. The program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, and/or physical disabilities.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Complete the following regarding your family:

Father's Name: _____

Father's Employment: Employed Retired _____ Year Unemployed

If employed or retired, Occupation: _____

Highest level of education attained:

None Number of primary school years _____ Number of secondary school years _____
 Secondary Diploma Bachelor Degree Masters Degree Ph.D.

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Employment: Employed Retired _____ Year Unemployed

If employed or retired, Occupation: _____

Highest level of education attained:

None Number of primary school years _____ Number of secondary school years _____
 Secondary Diploma Bachelor Degree Master Degree Ph.D.

Number of siblings in your immediate family: Number of brothers: _____ Number of sisters: _____

How did you find out about NESA UGRAD ? Check all that apply.

The American Embassy Advising Office or other Embassy contact

From a friend From a relative From a teacher or professor

From an advertisement or notice (specify the source): _____

Other (specify how): _____



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ESSAY: Personal Statement

350 – 500 words, typed on separate sheets of paper attached to application.

Provide a clear and detailed description of:

- Yourself in terms of interests and personality,
- Your academic objectives,
- Your goals in terms of your field of study and personal development, and
- The reasons why you wish to pursue them in the U.S.A. and type of program you hope to pursue and how it relates to your interests and future objectives.

The essay is an essential part of the selection process and of your application for placement into an appropriate host institution. Be sure to include any details that highlight your personality and interests.

SIGNATURE

By my signature, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in my application is accurate and complete, and that I intend to return to my home country upon completion of my studies in the United States. I also authorize any school or university which I have attended or will attend to release my transcripts and any report to the designated placement agency.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION:

Before submitting your application to the address on the front page, please be sure you have included all of the following REQUIRED components:

- ___ Completed, signed NESA UGRAD application form
- ___ Personal statement in English, 350-500 words, typed
- ___ Copy of the data/photo pages of your passport
- ___ Official transcripts (translated) for years of university study (or secondary study for those not in university yet)
- ___ Three letters of recommendation
- ___ TOEFL® or ITP TOEFL® (or similar exam) score report
- ___ Two passport-size photos