



**Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program's
2017-2018 Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program
Participant Application**

Part I: Personal Information

1. **Name** (as written on official documents) _____
(Surname) (First Name) (Middle Name)

2. **Country of Citizenship** _____ **Country of Legal Residence** _____

3. **Place of Birth** _____
(City or Town) (Country)

4. **Date of Birth** _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

5. **Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

6. **Marital Status:** ☐ Single ☐ Married If Married, Citizenship(s) of Spouse: _____

7. Current Address

Address Type: ☐ Permanent Residence ☐ Dormitory ☐ Temporary Residence (Other Than Dormitory)

Street Address _____

Apartment Number _____ City _____

Governorate _____ Postal Index _____

Home Telephone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Fax _____ Email Address _____

8. Permanent Home Address (if different than above)

Street Address _____

Apartment Number _____ City _____

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Home Telephone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Fax _____ Email Address _____

9. **Do you have a passport?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the expiration date (mm-dd-yyyy)? _____

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10. Previous Visa Information

- a. Have you previously traveled on a U.S. Government-sponsored or other U.S. exchange program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please complete the following:

Program Name _____ Year(s) _____

Location in the U.S. _____
(City) (State)

- b. Have you ever received a J-1 visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list the dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States on a J-1 visa (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy).

- c. Have you ever received an F-1 visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list the dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States on an F-1 visa (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy).

- d. Have you ever been in the United States for any other reason? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list the dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy) and the reason for travel.

- e. Have you ever traveled or lived in any country other than the U.S. or Tunisia? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, list the places, approximate dates of stay (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy), and reason for travel.

- f. Have you or your family applied for U.S. permanent residency in the past three years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide the date of application:

11. Are you applying to any other sponsored education exchange program for the 2017-2018 academic year?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list the program name(s): _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization(s): _____

Part II: Background Information

Native Language Contact Information: Please enter the name of your native language in English and complete the rest of the questions in this section in your native language. During the selection process, it may be necessary for one of our offices to contact you.

My native language is: _____

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address _____ Apartment Number _____

City _____ Governorate _____ Postal Index _____

Please provide the following information **in English (please translate into English as required):**

Current Academic Institution

Name of Institution: _____

Department: _____

Dean or Academic Advisor Name: _____ Dean/Advisor Telephone _____

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Please provide the following information in English:

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Address: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Emergency Contact Fax: _____

Emergency Contact Email: _____

a. What was your primary city of residence in the last 10 years? (i.e. where your parents live) _____

b. What is the approximate population of that city? _____

c. In which governorate is that city located? (circle one)

Ariana
Béja
Ben Arous
Bizerte
Gabès
Gafsa

Jendouba
Kairouan
Kasserine
Kebili
Kef
Mahdia

Manouba
Medenine
Monastir
Nabeul
Sfax
Sidi Bouzid

Siliana
Sousse
Tataouine
Tozeur
Tunis
Zaghouan

d. What is the education level of your father?*

☐ Primary/Middle School (1-9 years) ☐ Secondary School (10-13 years) ☐ University Degree ☐ Masters or Higher

e. What is the education level of your mother?*

☐ Primary/Middle School (1-9 years) ☐ Secondary School (10-13 years) ☐ University Degree ☐ Masters or Higher

**The responses to these questions will neither disqualify an application nor guarantee selection.*

English Language Testing If you have not taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and are selected as a semi-finalist, you may be required to take the TOEFL. The cost will be covered by the program.

☐ I have **not** taken the TOEFL or an equivalent exam.

If you have previously taken the TOEFL exam, provide your score information below and attach a copy of the score report if available.

TOEFL Score _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Location _____

Knowledge of Languages: Rate Yourself *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*. Include the languages that you speak or have studied, including English. Also list your primary native language.

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening
(EXAMPLE) German	Fair	Good	Excellent	Good

Have you ever participated in an English language learning program (ACCESS, British Councils, etc)?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please provide program name, location, and dates: _____

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Part III: Education

1. What is the highest educational degree you have *completed*? _____
2. Are you a current undergraduate student in Tunisia? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is your present course year: ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third
If yes, what is your expected graduation date? (mm/yyyy) _____
3. What is the name of your current Faculty/School/Institute at your university? _____

With which university is your Institute/School affiliated? _____

In what city do you study? _____

4. What is your current specialization/major in your home institution? _____
5. Current Academic Institution Address

Name of Institution _____

Name of Department _____

Street Address _____

Apartment/Office Number _____ City _____

Governorate _____ Postal Index _____

6. **List of Educational Institutions:** In the table below, please list all universities, institutes, and special academic programs you have attended or are currently attending, with the most recent first. Include your higher education institution(s) and your secondary institution(s). Please write in English, translating all words related to your education into English. Do not use American equivalents unless you hold a degree from a U.S. academic institution.

Institution Name and Location	Field of Study	Dates of Attendance	Type of Degree	Date of Receipt
<i>EXAMPLE:</i> <i>Tunis State University</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>Sept 2014 – present</i>	<i>Licence</i>	<i>Expected May 2017</i>

7. **Proposed Field of Study in the U.S.** Please indicate the specialization that you would like to study while in the US. If selected as a finalist, applicants may not change their field of study during the program.

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8. **University Courses** List below, in English, the higher education courses you have taken and are currently taking. If selected as a semifinalist, you will be asked for translated and certified copies of course transcripts of any institution(s) you are currently attending and from which you received a diploma or degree. Additional space is at the end of the application. If you are a first-year student, include courses from your last year at secondary school.

Describe the grading system used (example: "5"= excellent to "1"=failing, "A"= excellent to "F"= failing): _____

Academic Years	Subject/Course Title	Grade

9. **Extra-Curricular Activities** List and describe all volunteer positions and responsibilities, awards, and leadership positions you have held in the last four years (continue on additional sheets of paper, if necessary).

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Work Experience:

1. List the past four jobs you have held. Begin with your current or most recent employment.

Name and Address of Employer	Position Held	Dates of Employment	Responsibilities

2. Work Address (if applicable)

Name of Institution _____
Position _____
Street Address _____
Apartment/Office Number _____ City _____
Governorate _____ Postal Index _____

Other:

If you have any of the following conditions, you may check the applicable boxes below. Responses to this question are voluntary and used only to inform program administrators about conditions that require reasonable accommodation under U.S. law if you are chosen as a finalist. The Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or any other protected characteristic as established by U.S. law.

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| ☐ Hearing Impairment (deafness) | ☐ Orthopedic Impairment |
| ☐ Visual Impairment (blindness) | ☐ Learning Disorder |
| ☐ Speech Impairment | ☐ Other (specify): _____ |

How did you first learn about the Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program? Please check only one.

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|--|---|
| ☐ Academic Advisor | ☐ Advertisement |
| ☐ American Corner | ☐ Program Alumni |
| ☐ Conference Booth | ☐ Radio |
| ☐ Educational Advising Center | ☐ Television |
| ☐ Friend/Colleague | ☐ University faculty/staff |
| ☐ Facebook/Internet | ☐ U.S. Embassy |
| ☐ IREX Presentation | ☐ Other (please specify) |
| ☐ Newspaper | |

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Please provide short answers of **no more than 250 words each** addressing the following prompts. Note: Your short answers must be your own work. If your short answers are found to be plagiarized (using someone else's words and claiming them as your own), your application will be disqualified.

1. Please describe a time that you undertook a school project, community activity, or other initiative. How does this experience demonstrate your potential for innovative and/or entrepreneurial leadership? How do you plan to use these leadership skills while in the United States?
2. Please describe a time when you worked with someone from a different background or culture. What was different between you and the other person? How did you manage these differences?

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ESSAY #1:

Please attach an essay in English of **no more than 1000 words** addressing the following questions. Note: Your essay must be your own work. If your essay is found to be plagiarized (using someone else's words and claiming them as your own), your application will be disqualified.

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1. Essay #1: Please list the area of specialization you plan to study in the U.S.
 - Why do you want to study this field?
 - Why is this field important to Tunisia's future?
 - Describe the skills you hope to gain through studying in the U.S. How do you plan to use these skills in your future profession to positively contribute to Tunisia's economic development as a young professional during the next 5-10 years?
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CONTINUED ESSAY #1:

Please use the space below to continue your response to Essay #1.

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ESSAY #2:

Please attach an essay in English of **no more than 1000 words** addressing the following questions. Note: Your essay must be your own work. If your essay is found to be plagiarized (using someone else's words and claiming them as your own), your application will be disqualified.

Essay #2: A global citizen is a well-rounded individual, who contributes positively to their community, country, and the world and serves as a role model for others.

- How have you acted as a global citizen in the past?
- How do you plan to be an active global citizen in the future?
- What are your (a) academic, (b) professional, and (c) personal goals for your growth as a global citizen?
- How will participating in this program help you achieve your global citizenship goals?

Please answer all questions in your essay below.

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CONTINUED ESSAY #2:

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IREX Privacy Policy Statement and Application Certification

Your privacy is important to IREX. That is why we request that all applicants read the following privacy policy statement carefully.

1. APPLICANT AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION CONTENT AND STORAGE

Information about program applicants and current and past participants consists of data contained in their applications, information derived from interviews, and information gathered during the course of their program and as program alumni. IREX stores this information in written and electronic form indefinitely. Some data, such as contact information and professional experience, is continually updated.

2. USE OF INFORMATION

Information, which is described above, may be:

- A. Used by selection committees and interviewers to review applicants;
- B. Supplied to the program's funding organization;
- C. Submitted to potential host schools, universities, or organizations and/or organizations that provide internship opportunities;
- D. Used for the evaluation of an individual's participation in the program and in the collection of data for general program evaluation by IREX, funding agencies or other organizations contracted to conduct evaluations;

IREX does not sell applicant, or current/past participant information.

The principles stated herein are binding only to IREX; other organizations involved in the administration of these programs may adhere to other privacy or similar policies.

3. CERTIFICATION: I certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance, that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and that I have carefully read and understand all notes and disclaimers provided therein.

I understand that IREX reserves the right to verify all information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will result in exclusion from the competition or immediate dismissal from the Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program (Tunisia UGRAD).

Also, I acknowledge that I am aware of the following requirements that I must observe if I am selected for the program:

- I must abide by all program rules and regulations and observe all the laws of the United States during my stay there, including returning to my home country for at least two years at the conclusion of the program in compliance with J-1 visa requirements.
- The health benefits coverage provided to me during my travels is intended only for emergencies and does not cover pre-existing and dental conditions.
- My spouse, children, and other relatives or individuals are not permitted to accompany me to the United States on the program.

Sign below. If you are submitting your application online, by typing your name you are signing this document.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Please list your additional coursework if you did not have sufficient space in application Part 1.

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