The outstanding Student Leaders Program which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) is open to students who are Lebanese and long-term Palestinian residents in Lebanon between 20 and 24 years.

The Program allows students from Lebanon and the Middle East to spend five weeks in summer 2018 at a U.S. university developing leadership and collective problem-solving skills while exploring U.S. history and culture and acquiring leadership skills to help promote democratic principles in their home countries.

The program will take place from **June 25 to August 4, 2018** and all costs will be covered by the U.S. Government including: program tuition, roundtrip airfare, medical insurance, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses.

Interested students can click [here](https://lb.usembassy.gov/) to know more about the program, eligibility requirements and fill the online application form.

The application submission deadline is **December 14, 2017** and students can email [BeirutPD@state.gov](mailto:BeirutPD@state.gov) if they have any questions.

The U.S Embassy encourage all students to apply to this great opportunity. This program was a life-changing experience to many students from the Middle East and offered them the chance to discover the United States and the tenets of democracy and leadership.

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