



MOUSAB KHORMA YOUTH EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MKYEF)

The Mousab Khorma Youth Education and Empowerment Scholarship Fund was created in memory of Mousab Khorma, a Jordanian entrepreneur who passed away in the bombings that took place in Amman in 2005. The fund seeks to provide youths with higher education or vocational training scholarships at recognizable universities or colleges in order to improve their chances at finding employment. Community service promotes activism, while counseling sessions enhance reflective skills.

The MKYEF provides scholarships to 150 students annually at Ruwwad Al Tanmeeya community center in Jabal Al Natheef.

Scholarship Application & Selection

A rigorous system was established and implemented to regulate the scholarship application process. Several criteria were established for the selection of scholars, the most important of which are the indicators related to having a sense of initiative, feeling responsible towards serving one's community, positivity, having a sense of leadership and a certain interest or passion in a specific field such as sports, arts, environment, sciences, innovation...etc.

The main reasoning behind these criteria is to offer an alternative to the mainstream scholarship concept in the region, which relies heavily on academic merit; thus marginalizing all other important aspects that shape a scholar. This alternative also bears in mind that academic achievement tends to be lower in marginalized areas, due to weaker educational institutions.

To earn a scholarship, the youth have to fulfill **pre-requisites, requirements while they are scholars** as well as **post-requisites**. All accepted scholars must commit to the **Enrichment Program, high academic performance** and most importantly to **four hours of community service per week**.

FIRST

Pre-requisites: The main pre-requisites that qualify youth to earn an MKYEF Scholarship

PERSONALITY & CHARACTER:

- Initiative for creating change.
- A sense of responsibility towards society.
- Academic excellence.
- Passion and interest in a specific field, for example: sports, arts, culture.. etc.
- Leadership and positive thinking.

SIBLINGS WITHIN MKYEF:

- The number of siblings who can benefit from MKYEF is limited to one.
- Funding a second sibling would only be considered in case of exceptional academic excellence and leadership skills.
- Funding siblings who attend universities simultaneously is not accepted. Only one sibling should be funded at one time.

UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES & MAJORS:

- Only students accepted in Jordanian universities and colleges are eligible to apply.
- Students who are accepted in governmental universities based on the "Competition Track" are granted a scholarship that covers %100 of their tuition fees.
- Students who are accepted in governmental universities based on the "Parallel Track" are granted a scholarship that covers an amount of their fees equal to the average of the fees of the "Competition Track" for their major.
- Students who are accepted in private universities are granted a scholarship that covers %50 of their tuition fees.
- The fund is interested in supporting a variety of academic majors, thus priority is based on the fund's needs of different majors and on labor market requirements.
- Vocational training and college applicants are given priority over university applicants.

SECOND

Admission System: The system in which application and acceptance takes place.

PHASE 4

PHASE 3

PHASE 2

PHASE 1

- Youth collect an application form from Ruwwad and receive instructions on the process during the month of February of each year.
- Youth fill the application form and prepare all needed documents.
- Youth complete essay questions at Ruwwad and hand in the filled application with all needed documents.
- The first evaluation of the applications takes place by an internal committee which according to the evaluation selects the group of youth who will be interviewed.
- All applicants are informed of their status.
- Interviews take place between selected applicants and an external committee.
- The second and final evaluation takes place in which the external committee selects accepted scholars.
- All applicants are informed of their status.
- A welcome and orientation week takes place with the new accepted scholars.

THIRD

Requirements for accepted students: all accepted scholars must commit to:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Commit to four hours of community service per week.
- Commitment to meetings and programs that enrich community service.
- Work continuously on local community development and coordinating youth participation and empowerment.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

- Commitment to the Youth Enrichment Program and its components and activities.
- Commitment to taking at least one internship throughout the duration of students' studies.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Commitment to self-development and academic development.
- Keeping a GPA of over 70/100 or 2.8/4.0.

FORTH

Post-Scholarship Requirements: all graduate students must commit to:

- Commitment to support new scholars.
- Commitment to support Ruwwad whenever possible.