



ENGLISH ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIPS

THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT’S ENGLISH ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM empowers non-elite 14 to 18 year-olds in predominantly Muslim communities around the world to study English. Since its inception, U.S. embassies have selected English teaching schools in 44 countries to enroll approximately 10,000 students in the English Access Microscholarship Program. In addition to English, the Program provides an American-style classroom experience using U.S. materials and emphasizing active learning.

GIVING HOPE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

- English Access Microscholarships are for underprivileged youth such as Las-tri, the 18-year old Indonesian daughter of a bicycle attendant. She has the grades and the desire to go to college and become a teacher, but not the money. For her, an English Access Microscholarship offers another path to a brighter future.
- Many English Access Microscholarship programs include job and leadership training.

PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING

- Averaging \$1000 per student, English Access Microscholarships open the door for students to participate in many American educational and cultural programs such as Fulbright.
- Learning English provides students a new window on American values and culture that can enhance trust and

“Parents were so grateful that many literally shed tears of happiness that their children would be able to benefit from learning English.”

MARTHA ORAL
English Teaching Fellow
Turkey

“These scholarships not only touch the lives of those who receive them, but will have a tremendous positive impact on their families and communities.”

ITJE CHODIDJAH
Student Selection Board
Indonesia

understanding. In the photo above (left), U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Charles A. Ray presents a certificate to an English Access Microscholarship student.

SPARKING ENTHUSIASM AND GROWTH

- The English Access Microscholarship Program attracts enthusiastic partners. In Turkey, the American Research Institute donated 400 dictionaries, the Rotary Club provided travel funds for some of the students and the Turkish American Association raised money for an additional 50 scholarships.
- The Department of State plans to expand the program to other important regions to meet the global need for English language proficiency.
- Training teachers and developing educational materials are two new areas the program will fund to ensure a lasting legacy.

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