



ENGLISH ACCESS

MICROSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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**ACCESS MICROSCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS
LAUNCHED AT THE SPACE OF WISDOM- TUNIS**

The Space of Wisdom in Tunis has launched a new cycle of the 2018-2020 English Access Microscholarship Program funded by the US State Department through the American Embassy in Tunis. This 2-year program targets Tunisian underserved youth aged 13-17.

Those accepted in the program will learn English and develop other communication skills, develop civic values through community service activities and prepare for educational and career opportunities that enable them to contribute to the development of their

society. This program is targeting 45 non-elite youth selected from different governmental schools in Ariana governorate.



The parents of the students have attended an information session animated by the Access program coordinator. The Access Program trainer Mrs. Olfa Ayadi was also present and helped to respond to some issues raised by parents and some of the students and most importantly helped the coordinator of the program highlight the value of the Access Program that is intended to enhance not only the English language skills but also the students' leadership and social skills.

The coordinator of the program thanked the US Embassy in Tunis for offering the Space of Wisdom the opportunity to run the program for the 3rd time (twice at the Space of Wisdom in Sfax and this time in Tunis). She also thanked the parents of the Access



students for their interest in the program and drew their attention to the fact that their encouragement and support are certainly critical in enabling their children to complete and fulfill the requirements of the program and drew the students' attention to the major objectives of the program.



For instance, Mrs. Abid highlighted that through the English Access Program,

- the students will be able to improve their English language skills in less than two years.
- the students will be able to enhance their knowledge of the United States of America-a country with a complex history and a diversity of people. She said “We hope that this knowledge helps you achieve a better understanding of the culture and civilization of the United States as well of other countries around the world as part of accepting and tolerating the OTHERS”.



- the students will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a series of workshops and through a number of community service activities.

- the students will have the chance to get involved in different human rights projects which will help them strengthen their determination to become good citizens and to make better lives for themselves, their community and the world.



- the students will have the chance to develop their own clubs like the STEM club, etc.

Mrs. Abid said; “It is my hope that you will use all these skills to further your education, and to be better citizens of Tunisia--citizens prepared to fully realize your potential and assume a leadership role to improve your community ... Through the Access Program you have joined a new family: a family of young people who are fluent in English, and who have a sense of community service. I therefore encourage you to get connected with the other members of this great family by joining the Access Community in Tunisia and outside Tunisia... and don’t forget that the Space of Wisdom is your second home...we are all here to support you and help you succeed.”



- **On Monday 4th June, all Access students took a placement test to get an idea about the students' proficiency level in English and to inform them about the dates and timing of the June's intensive session.**

