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Admissions Process for High School Students awarded MOHE Scholarships

- Each year the Ministry of Higher Education posts the names of the awardees of the annual undergraduate scholarships in the Kuwaiti newspapers sometime in July of each year
- The Cultural Office in Washington, D.C. receives the documents for these students beginning in mid-July.
- Most U.S. universities begin their fall term in mid-August with many requiring international students to report for orientation during the 1st week of August.
- There is no automatic or pre-arranged admission to U.S. universities so that an application procedure must be followed:
 - a) The Cultural Office selects a university for the student based on university agreements, academic background of the student, TOEFL, and the major of the student.
 - b) The Cultural Office informs Kuwait of the university selected. The Ministry then requests that the student completes the university's on-line application.
 - e) The student must arrange for submission of official TOEFL scores and SAT directly to the university if this is required.
 - c) As part of the on-line process, the student is required to pay the application fee.
 - d) The student presents a copy of the on-line application to the Ministry After the on line
 - e) The Ministry faxes a copy of the on-line application to the Cultural Office . This copy will become a part of the student's file and will assist the Cultural Office to checking the status of the application with the university.
 - f) The Cultural Office submits the student's high school transcript, and financial support letter to the university.
 - g) Once the university has a complete file, they will take make a decision regarding the admission of the student.
 - h) If the Admissions Office accepts the student, the student's file is sent to the International Programs Office which then prepares and forwards the I-20 to the Cultural Office.
- Most universities have established deadlines for academic admission to their programs. There are a limited number of universities that will consider late application on a case-by-case basis.
- The time required to complete the application process and obtain an I-20 will depend on the individual universities but this is a fairly lengthy process and there are no immediate admissions.
- Given the timing of the scholarship awards and the start of U.S. colleges and universities, it is difficult to arrange academic admission to U.S. universities for the fall term.
- All students must be placed in universities that are approved for their majors.
- Universities that have signed agreements with the Cultural Office are given priority when placing students.

- Students with TOEFL scores between 500-549 are placed in universities that offer intensive English programs in October. However, these universities are limited since most English programs are on the semester basis starting in mid-August and again in January.
- Students are placed in universities that offer their majors. This means that if the university offering the mid-October intensive English program does not offer the assigned scholarship major, the student will be placed for academic studies in January in a program that offers their major.
- Students with the below 500 TOEFL may also elect to take a mid-October intensive English session at a university that does not offer their major but must transfer to university offering their major by (spring) of the following year.
- Admission that is obtained directly by the student, will only be approved if admission is to a university that is approved for the student's scholarship major.
- All correspondence and information regarding the admission process and the status of a student's admission is sent directly from the Cultural Office to the Ministry of Higher Education. In accordance with directive from the Ministry, students and their guardians are expected to contact the Ministry for all information regarding their placement.