



**EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT  
CULTURAL DIVISION**

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**MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MOHE) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST  
FOR STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED A DIPLOMA FROM PAAET OR OTHER APPLIED COLEGES**

Per **Article 10, Fourth Section** of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) regulations, students are eligible to apply for Kuwait government scholarship provided that the following conditions are met:

- Must have Kuwaiti citizenship
- Must not be over 30 years old
- Pursue a major available in the country of scholarship and must be in the same field as the previous major earned from the Applied College
- Enrolled fulltime in a program and university approved by MOHE
- Not employed by any governmental or private agency
- At least one (1) academic year of credits earned from the Applied College must transfer to the current school and has a maximum of 2 years of academic studies remaining to fulfill the Bachelor's degree
- Completion of at least **27** semester or **42** quarter academic credits towards their major. All credits must be earned at an approved school in the U.S. with a minimum overall cumulative GPA of **2.5** (4-point scale).
- Students who recently gained admission at an approved university and has transferred credits from either a community college or other universities in the U.S., a minimum of **27** semester/**42** quarter academic credits must apply towards their major requirements.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MOHE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:**

- High school transcripts** (from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels)  
Students from private high schools in or outside Kuwait must also submit a **high school equivalency certificate** issued by the Ministry of Education
- Official transcript** from **ALL** universities and colleges attended (including universities in Kuwait and other countries). Official transcripts from schools in the U.S. must be mailed directly by the school to the Cultural Office. Official transcripts from schools outside the U.S. must be authenticated/certified by the Kuwait Cultural Office of that specific country.
- Official Transfer Credit Evaluation**. The document must state the number of credits accepted as transfer from previous schools attended towards completion of your degree requirements.
- Verification Letter of all Non-Traditional courses completed** from **ALL** colleges and universities in the U.S. Non-traditional courses includes online, independent study, special topics, and hybrid courses
- Study Plan** signed by a university advisor. The form **must** show the courses by term and prospective graduation date.
- Verification of Enrollment** signed/stamped by the university registrar
- Copy of current **I-20**
- Completed **Academic History Form**
- Copy of **Passport** including **VISA** page
- Copy of Kuwait Civil I.D.**
- Students who are not under the supervision of the Cultural Division must provide the following:
  - Name of Guardian
  - Kuwait Address and Phone Number
- If necessary, Kuwait Social Security Statement from PISS in Kuwait

## **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES**

### ***FOR STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED A DIPLOMA FROM PAAET OR OTHER APPLIED COLEGES***

- Scholarship requests are reviewed and presented to the Academic Committee before they can be forwarded to the Ministry of Higher Education for approval
- Requests can only be presented to the Academic Committee when **ALL** required documents are received. Missing documents may cause a delay with your application
- Scholarship requests must be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education for approval. It takes at least 3 – 4 weeks to receive a Ministry approval/decre
- Scholarships are only awarded during the regular terms: Fall, Winter (quarter system), and Spring. (no Summer)
- Students applying for scholarship for the Fall term must submit the official transcript showing the grades as of the last term of enrollment (including Summer term)
- The cumulative GPA is calculated based on ALL credits earned from U.S. schools attended (excluding online courses earned at a community college and credits earned from an unapproved school)
- Per MOHE regulation, Article 4, Second Section, Item #9, students are allowed a maximum of 4 non-traditional courses (12 credits total) throughout their entire studies. Non-traditional courses includes online, independent study, special topics, and hybrid courses
- Students who exceeded the allowed 4 non-traditional courses must submit a signed Promissory Note to repeat the excess courses through traditional classroom attendance at an approved university. Online courses earned from a community college are not acceptable
- If you were previously employed in Kuwait, you will need to submit your Kuwait Social Security Statement from the Public Institution for Social Security from Kuwait that you are not a current employee.
- Please send all documents to:

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