

## The Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship Program Academic Year 2018-2019

### Application Form

Student name as it appears on passport.

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Application

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Thursday, October 19, 2017 AT 5.00 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)

Please mail your application and required documents to:

**Newton Education Services**

**Address:** Building 4, Floor 4, Regus Offices, Arkan Plaza, El Sheikh Zayed, Plot 31, in front of Zayed 2000 Compound, Giza, 11728, Egypt.

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## The Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship Program

The Sawiris Foundation for Social Development is proud to launch the third round of its fully funded Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship Program for candidates seeking the degree of Masters of Development Practice (MDP) from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA.

### Scholarship Program requirements

- Completion of a 50-credit academic master's program in two academic years
- Completion of an 8-10 week mid-program summer field experience
- Employment in development sector in Egypt following graduation for no less than two consecutive years

### Scholarship coverage

The scholarship will cover full tuition, living expenses, travel and health insurance.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Egyptian national
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a well reputed academic institution in a related field of study
- Satisfy the entry requirements into the academic MDP program
- Demonstrate excellent professional and academic track record
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills (extracurricular activities/community work/entrepreneurial initiative)
- Demonstrate inability to finance studies from own resources
- While no specific experience or academic track is required, students with a strong liberal arts education background and sound quantitative and analytical skills will be best prepared for academic success at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Previous coursework in mathematics, statistics, and economics is recommended.
- English language proficiency is required. Valid TOEFL or IELTS exam scores with a minimum of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), 100 (internet-based, minimum 22 on each section) on the TOEFL, or 7 for the IELTS
- A valid Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score is required with the following percentiles:
  - 68<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Verbal Reasoning
  - 54<sup>th</sup> Percentile on the Quantitative Reasoning

## Required Documents

- Completed application form including the personal statement
- Copy of valid passport ID page
- Updated resume
- All undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts
- TOEFL/IELTS score
- GRE score
- Two letters of recommendation
- One personal photo
- HR letter from current employer including salary/salary slip or a bank statement in case of unemployment.

Please note that the Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship candidates must apply to, and be accepted at, the Masters of Development Practice (MDP) program at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA, independently from this scholarship application. Being shortlisted for the Yousriya Loza-Sawiris Scholarship does not guarantee acceptance at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota. For more information, please contact us at [ylss@sawirisfoundation.org](mailto:ylss@sawirisfoundation.org).

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Gender:  Female

Male

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Day Month Year

City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status  Married

Single

Number of children/dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Work Experience

Please list your professional positions to date (begin with most recent)::

Position	Organization	City, Country	Dates	Annual Gross Salary in EGP

## Educational Background

Please list all universities you have attended to date (begin with most recent):

University Name	Location (City, Country)	Degree/Program	Graduation Date	GPA/Academic Standing

Please list all high schools you have attended:

School Name	Location (City, Country)	High School Certificate (Thanaweya 'Amma, IB, IGCSE, etc.)	Years attended	Graduation Date	GPA/Academic Standing

## Testing Information

The Masters of Development Practice (MDP) program from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs requires applicants to sit for the GRE and a test of English proficiency: TOEFL or IELTS. Please send official copies of your scores directly to the University of Minnesota (school code RA 6874). Please list your scores and dates, where applicable, below.

Test	Score	Test Date/Scheduled Test Date
TOEFL Type of TOEFL (please circle): IBT CBT PBT		
IELTS		
GRE		

## Volunteering and Extracurricular Activities

Have you ever volunteered or taken part in extracurricular activities? If yes, please list your volunteering and/or extracurricular activities beginning with the most recent.

Position	Organization	Dates

## Other Scholarships

Please list all scholarships you have applied for or have been granted for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Scholarship Source	Amount in US dollars	Funded Degree/Program	Have you been granted this scholarship?

## Personal Statement

In a short essay, not to exceed 1000 words, please discuss what you identify as the major challenges facing the Egyptian development sector today. How would your studies at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, combined with your work experience and education, enable you to tackle some or all of these challenges? How would the program enhance your career goals in Egypt, and your intended contribution to the development sector?

## Verifications

### A. Military Service (for male applicants)

- I have completed military service
- I have received an exemption or postponement of military service
- Other (please explain)

### B. Mid-program summer field experience

- I understand that I will be required to complete an all-expenses paid eight to ten-week mid-program summer field experience.

### C. Employment in Egypt

- I understand that I will be required to sign a contract committing to my return to Egypt to work in the development sector for no less than two consecutive years following graduation.

### D. Maintaining academic performance

I understand that I will be required to sign a contract committing to maintaining good academic standing during the program, and that in the event that I fail any of my courses, the continuation of my scholarship may be at risk.

## Declaration

I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate and no information requested or other material information has been omitted.

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Signature

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Date