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Dear Saida:

Congratulations! On behalf of the U.S. Department of State and the FLEX selection committee, we invite you to participate in the 2024-2025 Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) academic year program. This letter serves as the official confirmation of your selection. Please discuss this with your parents, because they will need to sign documents to show their support for your participation and agree to program rules. To accept this 2024-25 FLEX scholarship, you must notify your local American Councils office within one week, and **by 15 Mar 2024**, you must:

- Sign and upload the *FLEX Scholarship Acceptance Form* to: <https://ais.americancouncils.org/flex>
- Sign and upload the *FLEX COVID-19 Policy Form* to: <https://ais.americancouncils.org/flex>

At this time, we are planning for an in-person program in the United States. However, there are several baseline conditions that must be in place for the in-person program to take place:

- The COVID-19 pandemic no longer severely affects health and safety conditions in your country or in the United States.
- You meet U.S. school and health requirements, including immunizations.
- You return the signed FLEX Program COVID-19 Policy form.
- The placement partner is able to secure an appropriate family and school placement.
- The U.S. Embassy in your country is issuing U.S. visas for travel to the United States and is able to grant you a visa.
- There is regular and reliable commercial airline travel between the United States and your country.
- You meet U.S. entry requirements.

Please note, all of the conditions above must be met for an in-person program to take place. FLEX is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government. Your FLEX program participation includes:

- Round-trip travel from your home city to the United States
- Placement with a U.S. host family and in a U.S. high school for the academic school year
- Program activities and materials

- Monthly spending allowance
- Health and accident benefits

By accepting this opportunity, you acknowledge the two-year home country residency requirement (Section 212(e) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act), which applies to all FLEX participants. Once again, congratulations on your outstanding achievement! We look forward to welcoming you to the 2024-2025 FLEX program.

Sincerely,



Amy Forest

Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)

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