

Orascom Construction Sponsors Egypt's Brightest Students to Study at Leading U.S. Universities for the 26th Consecutive Year

Orascom Construction is proud to announce that it has awarded full scholarships to three outstanding Egyptian students under the Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program. The students will pursue undergraduate degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago.

This year marks the 26th consecutive cycle of the Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program. Since its launch in 2000, and in partnership with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, the program has awarded 105 scholarships to Egyptian students. Previous recipients have studied at leading U.S. institutions, including Harvard University, Stanford University, the University of Chicago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program supports both undergraduate and graduate students in fields that contribute to Egypt's economic development. The scholarship covers full tuition, living expenses, travel allowance, and health insurance. Students are selected based on merit, need, and character, demonstrated through academic excellence, extracurricular engagement, and entrepreneurial initiative.

The program is one of the Company's flagship education initiatives, reflecting its long-standing commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders through education, contributing to Egypt's development. As such, the Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program requires students to return to Egypt upon completion of their degrees.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.onsisawirisscholarship.org/>.

Biographies of the Scholarship Recipients for 2026-2027:

Yomna Shehata - University of Pennsylvania

Yomna is an incoming undergraduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, where she will study engineering. She graduated from Dakahlia STEM School, a rigorous public boarding school.

Academically, Yomna ranked in the top 3% of her cohort in mathematics and mechanics and scored a near perfect score on the ACT. Her academic interests led her to conduct original mathematics research through a university-affiliated program, producing papers in number theory, combinatorics, and linear algebra.

Within her school, she served in a leadership role in the mathematics club, where she founded new committees, increased member engagement, and organized events drawing hundreds of attendees including government officials. She also led a team research project exploring agricultural innovation, building a smart system that was tested and applied in real-world farm settings.

Beyond her school, her passion for making knowledge accessible led her to volunteer with an initiative where she helped build an affordable assistive technology solution, enabling dozens of students with visual impairments to access written materials, an effort she funded and built from the ground up with a small team. She has also founded and led a mathematics program for tweens, running more than twenty-on workshops.



Looking forward, Yomna intends to apply her engineering education to problems that matter in Egypt and the region.

Hanna Khashaba - University of Chicago

Hanna Khashaba is a persistent, dedicated, and driven graduate of The International School of Choueifat. Her academic interests lie in the engineering field, where she hopes to contribute to a wide range of industries. She became motivated to apply her academic knowledge toward addressing issues affecting Egyptian industries and through innovative and sustainable solutions. With a research focus on magnetocaloric technologies and their potential to transform energy systems, she aims to further develop these concepts and explore their applications in fields such as cryogenics, medical devices, quantum computing, server farms, and smart thermal systems.

Alongside her academic pursuits, Hanna is actively engaged in community service and has led multiple initiatives. As Head of the Social Responsibility Department, she managed numerous awareness campaigns and fundraising initiatives.

Later, she was appointed Head Prefect of the Student Life Organization, through which she represented her school at the Global Student Life Training Conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

Hanna has also been a member of the Human-Centered Care Committee at Children's Cancer Hospital 57357 since its inception and is a member of the Patient Advisory Council.

Looking forward, Hanna plans to study Mechanical Engineering, pursuing her academic passion and continuing her dedicated mission of engineering for impact. She hopes to use her education to revolutionize engineering practices across all industries in Egypt.

Ahmed Awad - University of Chicago

Ahmed Awad is an incoming first-year student at the University of Chicago, where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in economics with a focus on data and technology. Ahmed's passion for technology began when he joined FIRST LEGO League in the eighth grade. After advancing through regional and national competitions, he was selected to represent Egypt at international competitions in the United States.

Ahmed grew up in Damietta, where he developed a deep appreciation for the city's environment and community, inspiring him to apply his robotics knowledge to help mitigate the ongoing environmental and water issues. Recognizing a gap in market visibility, he co-founded a platform to increase exposure for local furniture manufacturers and support the growth of the industry.

Ahmed's commitment to his community extended beyond technology. He developed a passion for education through an internship teaching robotics and STEM subjects to youth, earning a promotion to lead full courses and becoming one of the youngest coaches in the program.

Driven by these experiences, he aims to leverage the University of Chicago's open curriculum to gain insights across diverse disciplines while building the multidisciplinary foundation of a future economist. He aspires to contribute to Egypt's economic growth, particularly at the intersection of sustainability, technology, and youth empowerment.



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