

Young Yemenis Need Your Help

In 2014, twenty-four exchange students from Yemen came to the United States to attend college under a US State Department program for Muslim high school students. When Yemen fell into civil war in 2015, it became unsafe for the students to return home. Twelve Yemeni students are studying at Edmonds Community College; the others are at community colleges in Virginia and Wisconsin. After the March 6 Executive Order, it is even less clear whether the Yemeni students can stay, and if not, where they can go. Their exchange student visas and State Department support end in **June**.



"I will be out of everything. No insurance. No housing. No school. Nothing, and we'll have to start on our own," said Abdulaziz Malek, 19, one of the Yemeni exchange students currently attending Edmonds Community College.

Kim Kraft, Malek's former teacher, started [Young Yemenis Need Your Help GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/fundforyemenis) to raise \$2,000 for each of the 24 students to help cover basic living expenses. Additional funds are needed to pursue legal advice from immigration attorneys.

\$30K raised toward \$48K goal (as of 3/12/2017). <https://www.gofundme.com/fundforyemenis>

Organizations and individuals can support the Yemeni students through fundraising activities such as a car wash or bake sale.

March 6, 2017 Executive Order Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/06/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

Feb 18, 2017 Yemeni students studying in Wash. face uncertain future <http://komonews.com/news/local/yemeni-students-studying-in-washington-state-face-uncertain-future>

Feb 15, 2017 'We don't know what we are going to do': Yemeni students, unable to return home, face uncertain status in America https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/we-dont-know-what-we-are-going-to-do-yemeni-students-unable-to-return-home-face-uncertain-status-in-america/2017/02/14/496927d8-f204-11e6-8d72-263470bf0401_story.html?utm_term=.243845121160

February 13, 2017 Civil war strands 12 Yemeni students in Washington <http://www.king5.com/news/local/civil-war-strands-12-yemeni-students-in-washington/407579958>

Feb 5, 2017 Yemeni students concerned about fate in US <http://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2017/02/05/us-travel-ban-yemeni-students-farag-al-hodify-intv.cnn>

Jan 30, 2017 Supporting Peacebuilders from Conflict Zones: An Important Obligation of American Higher Education <https://davidjsmithconsulting.com/2017/01/30/supporting-peacebuilders-from-conflict-zones-now-more-than-ever-an-important-obligation-of-american-higher-education>