**LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

**USAID – HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**HES - Volunteering Program Verification Form**

This form is to be used to document volunteering hours. If a student volunteers for multiple organizations, a separate form must be used for each organization. **This form must be turned in by the 28th of each month, the latest.**

I certify that the scholar Hiba Fouad Sleiman completed a total of 5 hours of service at InnovaThrive.

The hours were completed hours as per the below:

Hours # 2 (date) \_2/12 – 6/12\_ (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 1 (date) \_9/12 – 13/12\_ (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 1 date) \_16/12 – 20/12 (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 1 date) \_23/12 - 27/12 (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Brief description of the activities the scholar performed or participated in:

In my research, I investigated how AI technologies enhance accessibility for individuals with disabilities, focusing on tools like voice recognition, automated captions, and smart devices. I explored how companies like Google and Apple are developing accessible products, such as voice assistants and real-time transcription services. My findings showed significant growth in AI-driven accessibility tools, improving independence and opportunities for disabled consumers.  
  
I also discussed challenges, including dependence on technology and potential malfunctions, as well as ensuring consistent accessibility across platforms. Lastly, I highlighted future research on innovations in AI to further support individuals with disabilities and promote inclusivity in both digital and physical spaces.

Written feedback about the scholar’s performance:

Hiba’s research on AI’s role in enhancing accessibility was well-rounded, focusing on how AI tools improve independence for disabled individuals. Her discussion on the challenges and future research in AI-driven inclusivity was valuable.

Please rate the overall performance of the scholar at your organization:

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|  | Mastery (5) | Proficient (3) | Emerging (1) |
| **Problem solver** | X |  |  |
| **Engaged & Committed** | X |  |  |
| **Open-minded & multicultural** | X |  |  |

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