Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia
LAOS

Teacher/Community Leader Application

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Application Deadline: September 10, 2010

Program Description: Students and educators (teachers/community leaders) are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia. The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities of U.S. high schools, community organizations, youth groups, and community leaders in each location, the student and adult participants will better understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities. Adult participants in this program take on a unique role as a participant role model and as an active program participant. We expect the adult participants to be fully engaged in program activities while serving as a liaison between youth participants and program staff, should problems arise.

Adults who may apply are those who:

- Work with youth
- Are community leaders
- Have good English skills
- Are committed to working with SEAYLP participants after their return from the United States
- Have travel experience outside their home state or province, such as to the national capital; international travel experience is not required

Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application as completely as possible, in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications should be submitted to:
Vimol Dalaloy, Public Diplomacy Section,
U.S. Embassy, Vientiane.
Tel: 021 267000. Ext. 7055.
Email: vimoldx@state.gov

Questions regarding the application and selection process should be addressed to:
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About you:

Last (Family) Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Nickname _____

Male _____ Female _____

Birth date: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address_____

City, Postal Code_____

Telephone _____

Email _____

City and Country of Birth _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence_____

About your education:

Highest Degree/diploma earned: Date_____

School Name: Location _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

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About your employment:

Name of Employer/School: _____

Address: _____

Principal or Supervisor's Name _____

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Telephone: _____

Job Title: _____ How long at this job: _____

What are your specific job responsibilities? If a teacher, what subjects do you teach?

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Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies, clubs) in which you participate, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

What kinds of programs, events, or activities have you participated in that serve or involve youth in your community? What did you do specifically?

Can you identify a specific issue or problem affecting your school, neighborhood, or community? What might you do to help resolve this problem?

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Essay Questions

Applicants should write a brief essay in response to each of the following questions. Extra sheets of paper may be added as necessary. Those who are selected for in-person interviews should be prepared to elaborate on their answers.

- How have you demonstrated your commitment to working with youth in the past? How will you continue your youth work in the future?

- During this exchange, participants (both youth and adults) will act as ambassadors for their countries. How will you fulfill this role? What qualities does a good ambassador exhibit?

- Describe your most significant travel experience in which you traveled without your family. How did it differ from your expectations? How did you respond to differences in accommodation, foods, and weather? What new skills did you develop as you traveled?

- If a program participant from your country or another country in the program develops a problem with culture shock, how would you respond? What specific actions would you take? Why?

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

More about you:

Do you have a valid passport? _____

If yes: Issuing Country _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date (day/month/year) _____

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? _____

If yes: Where, when, why? _____

Signature of Applicant:

All information in this application is accurate and true

_____ Date _____

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Reference

For the Applicant: Below, fill in your name and give this form to a supervisor or colleague outside your family who knows you well. Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it to
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Applicant Name _____

For the Reference: The person named above is applying to take part in a the Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia, a 25-day exchange program in the United States for students and teachers or community leaders. The selected participants will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

_____ I strongly recommend this applicant
_____ I recommend this applicant
_____ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
_____ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
_____ I do not recommend this applicant

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities.

How do you think the applicant would adapt to unfamiliar environments and new situations?

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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