

TECHWOMEN PROGRAM

2014

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The 2014 Emerging Leader application is now open! The deadline to apply is 23:59 Cairo time, Monday, February 10, 2014

Selection Process

TechWomen participants are selected based on the eligibility requirements below. Applications are reviewed by independent selection committees comprising industry leaders and country experts. Finalists are interviewed by United States Embassy personnel in their country of permanent residence.

2014 TechWomen Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must

- Be women with a minimum of two years full-time professional experience in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge/application of technology
- Have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree/four year university degree or equivalent
- Be proficient in written and spoken English
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity
- Be citizens or permanent residents of Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, the Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tunisia, Yemen, or Zimbabwe at the time of application, and while participating in the program
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years
- Be able to obtain a U.S. visa
- Not hold U.S. Citizenship or be a U.S. legal permanent resident
Preference will be given to applicants who
- Have demonstrated themselves as emerging leaders in their chosen professional track

- Have limited or no prior experience in the United States
- Have a record of voluntary or public service in their communities
- Have demonstrated entrepreneurialism and commitment to innovation

Selection Timeline

Finalists will be contacted via email for in-country interviews in April and May 2014. Final decisions will be made in July 2014. All applicants will be notified of the results of their application.

Recommendation Letters (Finalists Only)

Finalists who are invited to interview at the U.S. Embassy will be required to provide two letters of recommendation. Applicants are encouraged to identify their recommenders ahead of time in order to be prepared in the event that they are selected as finalists. Letters must

- Be from an academic or professional reference, such as a former professor or employer/supervisor
- Be on company/organization letterhead
- Be signed by the recommender

Recommendation letters will be accepted from FINALISTS ONLY. Instructions for submission will be sent to finalists upon notification. For any question related to the TECHWOMEN 2014 program, please send your questions to: techwomen@iie.org.

APPLY HERE: <http://www.techwomen.org>.