



**Announcement:  
The Community College Initiative Program  
FY 2013-14**

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka, is pleased to announce to welcome applications for the Community College Initiative Program (CCI) for the academic year of 2013-14. The CCI Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State.

CCI provides participants from selected countries with opportunities to study at community colleges in the United States to build mutual understanding through a non-degree program of academic, vocational, and cultural studies. It is an intensive program intended to provide student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. Since 2007, nearly 2,000 students from 15 countries have received scholarships for study at community colleges throughout the United States.

Students who have completed their higher secondary education will spend one academic year in the United States enrolled full-time at an American community college. The 2013-2014 program provides academic instruction at community colleges throughout the U.S. in the fields of agriculture, applied engineering, business management and administration, early childhood education, information technology, media, and tourism and hospitality management.

Participants may earn an academic certificate in their field of study and gain first-hand practical experience through internships in their field of study, although this is not a degree program. In addition to receiving professional training, participants develop leadership skills, build English language proficiency, and learn about American society and culture, including community service and social responsibility. After completing the program, participants will return to their home countries with new skills to help them contribute to the economic growth and development of their countries.

Participants are expected to be highly motivated and exemplary students who have completed their HSC or A-levels.

**To be eligible to apply for the K-L YES program, interested candidates must:**

- Be Bangladeshi citizens and not dual citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., or any other country.
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have completed their HSC degree / A-levels or be currently enrolled as 1<sup>st</sup> year students
- Be proficient in written and spoken English at a level sufficient to engage in university-level courses.
- Have at least B grades in A and O-levels or an average GPA of 4.00, without any failing marks
- Be able to accurately present Bangladeshi culture in American institution and communities
- Be committed to returning to Bangladesh upon completion of the program
- Have demonstrated leadership skills
- Have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country

- Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel
- Be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country
- Be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive

Eligible applicants must meet all U.S. visa eligibility requirements. A medical examination is also required for participation in the program.

**The recruitment process will include the following steps:**

**Step 1**

**Preliminary application due on or before December 31, 2012**

Please submit your application on or before December 31, 2012 through e-mail (ShahidTX@state.gov), or submit a hard copy either in person or by courier service to the American Center.

**Step 2**

Short-listed candidates will be called for interviews by mid-January. Selected candidates are required to complete medical tests and a test of English language proficiency such as TOEFL or IELTS.

**General Application Instructions**

- Submit a completed original application with your signature on the last page
- Please answer ALL questions on the application in English (except where specified). Do NOT leave a space blank. If a question does not apply to you, enter N/A (not applicable)
- Include your full legal name or family name (surname) exactly as spelled on your international passport (if available)
- Include complete contact information, including dialing codes for all addresses and city/country codes for all phone numbers
- All hand-written applications must be neatly printed
- Enclose your SSC and HSC / O-level and A-level transcripts / grade sheets
- Enclose at least one recommendation letter from your teachers
- Enclose a photocopy of your passport. Please note that we will not be able to register you for an English language test if you do not have a passport.
- Submit your application by the deadline

The application form and announcement are available at:

**[http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational\\_cultural\\_exchanges.html](http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html)**

The deadline for submission of completed applications to the American Center is **Monday, December 31, 2012.**

**Please note that late applications will not be accepted.**

The new address of the American Center is as follows:

**American Center,  
U.S. Embassy Annex  
J Block, Progati Sharoni,  
Baridhara, Dhaka-1212  
(*Opposite the U.S. Embassy and next to Notun Bazar*)**

*Please note that the Embassy work week is Sunday to Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays are weekends.*

For further information, please contact:

Ms. Tahniah Shahid at the American Center (Telephone: 8855500, ext. 2808; email: [ShahidTX@state.gov](mailto:ShahidTX@state.gov))

Sincerely,

Bilal Faruqi  
*Cultural Affairs Officer*

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