



# The American Center, Dhaka

## Apply!

### Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program 2016-2017 Seeking Bangladeshi High School Student Leaders to study in the United States

- Do you see challenge as opportunities?
- Do you want to represent your community and country?
- Do you want to make a difference?

**The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (K-L YES)** program is a year of high school study abroad fully sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational Cultural Affairs and administered in Bangladesh by iEARN-BD.

#### What is the YES experience?

YES participants enroll as full-time students in American high schools and live with an American host family. Students also become active members of their adopted school and community through extracurricular activities, volunteer projects, and local community events.

#### Are you eligible to apply?

- Bangladesh citizen between 15 and 17 years of age.
- Not a dual citizen.
- Not a permanent resident of the USA or any other country.
- Currently enrolled in good standing in grades 9 –11.
- Proficient in written and spoken English at a level sufficient to engage in American high school-level courses.
- Have a B-grade average without any failing marks.
- Able to accurately present Bangladeshi culture in American schools and communities.
- Committed to returning to Bangladesh.
- Have demonstrated leadership skills.
- Have little or no prior travel experience in the United States.
- Willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel.
- Be able to adapt to American high school life.
- Prepared to live with a host family, often in shared rooms.
- Able to adjust to cultural and social practices different from those in Bangladesh.

## Deadline November 15, 2015



#### PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

- The YES program is one year scholarship to study in a U.S. High School including airfare, tuition, room and board.
- Bangladeshi participants are placed in host families with students from all over the world in towns across the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.
- In recognition of their community service activities in the United States, many YES participants have received awards.
- YES alumni actively engage in community service activities in Bangladesh through the YES alumni club .
- Girls and students living outside of Dhaka are strongly encouraged to apply.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials and more information can be found at: [dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational\\_cultural\\_exchanges.html](http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html)

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