



# Application

2011

Student Name

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

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## Program Description

The Youth Cultural Opportunity is a program for teenagers from Belarus to spend 4 weeks in the U.S. living with a U.S. host family, experiencing life in a U.S. community, and participating in community service activities. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about American culture and share Belarusian culture with Americans. They will depart for the United States in late June 2011 and return to Belarus in late July 2011

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## Instructions for Applicants

### Eligibility Requirements

To apply for the program, students must certify that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined below. If the student passes to the next level of the competition, s/he must provide documentation of eligibility.

I certify that (check all that apply):

I am currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or 10<sup>th</sup> grade;

- I was born on or after January 1, 1995, and on or before June 1, 1996;
- I have an academic standing of "good" or better;
- I have previously studied English, and speak and read English; and
- I am a citizen of Belarus and am eligible to receive a Belarusian passport.

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## How to Apply for the Youth Cultural Opportunity

Applicants must:

- Complete the application form and essay questions on-line and submit the required documents listed below by mail, email or to the U.S. embassy in Minsk;  
-OR-  
Complete the application form, including the essay questions, print and submit it and the required documents by mail or to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk. (Please note that the PDF application cannot be saved unless you have Adobe Acrobat.)
- Submit:
  - The application form, including the essay questions by mail, e-mail, or in person to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk;
  - A visa photo or an electronic version of a photo taken within the last six months (photo should contain head and shoulders, only);
  - A copy of your birth certificate; and
  - An academic transcript on the form provided.

Applicants must provide all parts of the application, visa photo, birth certificate and transcript or they will not be considered for the program. Semi-finalists will be notified of their status after December 15, 2010 and will be invited for an interview and further testing in December 2010 and January 2011. All testing will be conducted in English.

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## Where and When to Submit Your Application

Applications must be received by the Youth Cultural Opportunity program office by **November 30, 2011**. Applications may be submitted:

**In person to:**

U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section  
2A Gertsena St.  
220030 Minsk  
Belarus  
Phone: +375-17-217-0481  
8:30-5:30, Monday-Friday  
Website: <http://minsk.usembassy.gov>

**By email:**

[ycoprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ycoprogram@gmail.com)

**On line:**

[www.ycoppportunity.org/ycoprogram](http://www.ycoppportunity.org/ycoprogram)

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# YCO Application Biographical Data

## Student Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male

Female

Date of Birth: dd/mm/yyyy

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Place of Birth: (city, country)

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Citizenship

Email Address

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### Current Mailing Address:

House Number Street

Apartment No.

Region

Postal Index

City

Country

\_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Other number where you can be contacted: (Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Whose telephone is this?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mother:

Current Family Name

First Name

Middle Name

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### Father:

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name

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### Study of English:

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you study English?

School - Which grades? \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor - How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Private school, center, or club - How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of private school, center, or club: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

Class (circle one): 8 9 10 11 12 1 2

School (city and number or name)

Telephone Number: City Code Number

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School Address

Name of school director

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## Essay Questions

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You must answer all three essay questions in English. Each answer should be no more than 300 words. They can be shorter if you like, but we suggest a minimum of 100 words per essay. We recommend that you write the answers to these questions yourself rather than ask for help from your teachers or parents.

1. Describe an event in the past two years that taught you something new about yourself. What did you learn? Explain.
  2. Describe a time in the past two years when you worked on a project at school or in your community with someone who was not cooperative. What did you do? Explain.
  3. Describe a situation when you had to make a choice. How did you make your decision? Would you make the same choice today?
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**Essay 1**

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**Essay 2**

**Essay 3**

# YCO Application Student Grade Transcript

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At this point in the process, you should complete this form yourself based on your records. If you are selected for an interview, you will be required to get a stamped transcript from your school.

School (city and number or name): \_\_\_\_\_

	Academic Year 2008-2009	Academic Year 2009-2010	Academic Year 2010-2011
	Class	Class	Class
Grading Scale	to	to	to
<b>SUBJECTS</b>	<b>Final Marks</b>	<b>Final Marks</b>	<b>Current Marks (this year)</b>
<b>English Language</b>			
<b>Native Language:</b>			
<b>Other Language:</b>			
<b>Other Language:</b>			
<b>Literature</b>			
<b>Mathematics</b>			
<b>Algebra</b>			
<b>Geometry</b>			
<b>Computer Science</b>			
<b>Social Science</b>			
<b>History</b>			
<b>Government</b>			
<b>Geography</b>			
<b>Physics</b>			
<b>Chemistry</b>			
<b>Astronomy</b>			
<b>Biology</b>			
<b>Fine Arts</b>			
<b>Drawing</b>			
<b>Music</b>			
<b>Physical Training</b>			
<b>Work (shop/home economics)</b>			
<b>Other:</b>			