



STUDENT NAME: _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

YLP BELARUS 2013 STUDENT APPLICATION

Deadline: November 28, 2012

About the Program, Application Process, and Eligibility

About the Program

The Youth Leadership Program with Belarus is a four-week program designed to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Belarus. Youth from Belarus and the U.S. will engage in workshops and activities focused on teambuilding, goal setting, project planning, citizen participation, and volunteerism. The program's sub-theme of food production will engage youth in learning how to organize community service projects and how to partner with urban programs teaching agriculture and urban gardening. Participants will experience concepts in urban agriculture such as rooftop and balcony gardens and explore organic gardening and learn how these techniques can promote health and wellbeing.

The Youth Leadership Program with Belarus is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Following a pre-program orientation, participants will travel to Chicago, Illinois for an orientation and management training workshop. Participants will then travel to host communities in Illinois, Minnesota, and Colorado, to live with host families and engage in community activities, site visits, and cultural activities focused on the Community Support Gardens sub-theme. At the end of the program, Belarusian students will travel to Washington, DC for a workshop to learn about the United States, its history, and culture. After returning home, students will be supported in implementing projects in their home community and putting into practice their experience.

How to Apply for YLP Belarus

Applicants must:

- Complete the application form and essay questions on-line and email, mail or deliver in person the required documents.

-OR-

- Complete the paper application form, including the essay questions, print and submit it and the required documents by mail, email, or in person to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk.

Required documents:

- The application form (paper or online), including the essay questions;
- 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 passport or birth certificate.

Applicants must provide all parts of the application, visa photo and passport or birth certificate in order to be considered for the program. Semi-finalists will be notified of their status after December 15, 2012 and will be invited for an interview and further testing in January 2013. All testing will be conducted in English.

Where and When to Submit Your Application

Applications must be received by the YLP office by **November 28, 2012**. 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:

ylpbelarus@gmail.com

Online:

<https://www.aisforms.org/ylpbelarus>



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Certify Your Eligibility

To apply for a program scholarship, you must certify that you meet the eligibility requirements outlined below. If you pass to the next level of the scholarship competition, you will be required to provide documentation of your eligibility.

Eligibility requirements for student applicants from Belarus for the 2013 Youth Leadership Program with Belarus

Applicants:

- Must be 15 to 17 years of age at the start of the program (birth date must be between January 1, 1996, and May 1, 1998, inclusive),
- Must be an 8th, 9th, or 10th grade student when applying for the program,
- Must have an academic standing of "good" or better,
- Must have previously studied English and will demonstrate a high level of English-language ability at the time of registration,
- Must be a citizen of Belarus,
- Must demonstrate leadership potential and a desire to contribute to the community,
- Must meet U.S. visa eligibility requirements,
- Must be able to travel to the U.S. in July 2013, and
- Must not be an immediate family member of individuals who work with the YLP at the U.S. Department of State, American Councils, or one of the implementing organizations.

I certify that I meet all the eligibility requirements for student applicants from Belarus for the 2013 Youth Leadership Program with Belarus listed above:

Yes No

Certified by: _____
 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Date: _____

Program Calendar

Program Date	Action or Event
November 28, 2012 23:59 Washington, D.C., time	Application Deadline
January 2013	Interviews and English Language Assessment
March 2013	Selection Notification
June 2013	Pre-Departure Orientation
July 2013	Participants travel to the U.S.

Biographical Information

About You

1) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

2) Sex
 Male Female

3) Date of Birth _____ day/month/year 4) Place of Birth: City _____ Country _____



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Your Current Contact Information

- 5) Address _____
Postal Code _____ City _____ Country _____
- 6) Day Telephone _____
Code Number
- 7) Evening Telephone _____
Code Number
- 8) Mobile Telephone _____
Code Number
- 9) Other telephone where you can be reached _____ Whose telephone is this _____
- 10) Email Address _____

Your Mother/Legal Guardian

Current Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

NOTE: Provide your Mother's address ONLY if it is different than yours.

Address _____
Postal Code _____ City _____ Country _____

Home Telephone _____
Code Number

Work Telephone _____
Code Number

Mobile Telephone _____
Code Number

Email Address _____

Your Father/Legal Guardian

Current Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

NOTE: Provide your Father's address ONLY if it is different than yours.

Address _____
Postal Code _____ City _____ Country _____

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Academic Information

About Your School

- 1) Current School Name _____ 2) Current School City _____
- 3) Current School Class (choose one)
 8 9 10
- 4) Please indicate your expected month and year of graduation. _____
 day/month/year

Previous Study or Travel Abroad

- 5) Have you previously studied or traveled abroad?
 Yes No

If YES, please list any study or travel abroad, and explain. _____

Knowledge of Languages

Please tell us about your knowledge and proficiency with your native language(s) AND English, as well as any other languages with which you have some competence.

4 – Excellent 3 – Good 2 – Fair 1 – Poor

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening
English:				
Native Language:				
Native Language:				
Other Language:				
Other Language:				
Other Language:				

Volunteer and Community Service Activities

Past and Current Activities

- 1) List any volunteer community service activities or school projects that you have participated in during the past three years.

Name of Activity _____ Description of Activity _____

