



Burma Youth Leadership Program

Teacher Application

Application Deadline: September 30, 2015

Program Description: Students and educators (teachers/community leaders) are invited to apply for participation in the Burma Youth Leadership Program (BYLP). The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities of U.S. high schools, community organizations, youth groups, and community leaders in each location, the student and adult participants will better understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities. Adult participants in this program take on a unique role as a participant role model and as an active program participant. We expect the adult participants to be fully engaged in program activities while serving as a liaison between youth participants and program staff, should problems arise.

Adults who may apply are those who:

- Work with youth
- Are community leaders
- Have good English skills
- Are committed to continued work with BYLP participants after their return from the United States
- Have travel experience outside their home state or province, such as to the national capital; international travel experience is not required
- Are committed to the goals and ideals of the program, including civic leadership, diversity, and fostering positive regional and global interactions.

Instructions for completing this application: Please type or computerize (not hand-write) to fill out the application as completely as possible, in English.

Online Applications should be submitted to RangoonUSECA@state.gov
(OR)

Hard copies must be sent to Cultural Affairs Unit, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 110 University Ave, Kamayut Township, Yangon; or The American Center, 14 Tawwin St., Dagon Township, Yangon.

This Application is free of charge and may be duplicated.

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Teacher/Community Leader Application

About you: Please print your name clearly **exactly** as it appears on your passport.

Last (Family) Name: _____

(Last Word of your name)

First Name _____
(Words except last word of your name)

Complete Name: _____

Nickname _____

Female

Male

Birthdate Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address _____

City, Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

City & Country of Birth _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence _____

Paste or staple a recent
passport-size
photograph here

About your education:

Highest Degree/Diploma earned _____ Date _____

School Name _____ Location _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

About your employment:

Name of Employer/School _____ Date _____

Address _____

Principal/Supervisor's Name _____

Supervisor's Telephone _____

Your Job Title _____ How long at this job _____

What are your specific job responsibilities? If a teacher, what subjects do you teach?

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies, clubs) in which you participate, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

What kinds of programs, events, or activities have you participated in that serve or involve youth in your community? What did you do specifically?

Can you identify a specific issue or problem affecting your school, neighborhood, or community? What might you do to help resolve this problem?

Essay Questions

Applicants should write a brief essay in response to each of the following questions. Extra sheets of paper may be added as necessary.

- How have you demonstrated your commitment to working with youth in the past? How will you continue your youth work in the future?

- During this exchange, participants (both youth and adults) will act as ambassadors for their countries. How will you fulfill this role? What qualities does a good ambassador exhibit?

- Describe your most significant travel experience in which you led your students. How did it differ from your expectations? How did you respond to differences in accommodation, foods, and weather? What new skills did you develop as you traveled?

- If a program participant develops a problem with culture shock, how would you respond? What specific actions would you take? Why?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

More about you:

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

If yes: Issuing Country _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date
(day/month/year) _____

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? Yes No

If yes, where, when, and why? _____

Signature:

All information in this application is accurate and true

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

BURMA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Reference (1)

For the Applicant: Below, fill in your name and give this form to a supervisor or mentor. Ask him/her to fill out the form and return it to RangoonUSECA@state.gov

Applicant Name _____

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Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program.

- I strongly recommend this applicant
- I recommend this applicant
- I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- I do not recommend this applicant

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities

How do you think the applicant would adapt to unfamiliar environments and new situations?

Additional Comments:

Name (printed) _____

Job Title _____

Address _____

E-mail and Ph: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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