

## 2015 MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Chad is pleased to announce the annual competition for the U.S. President's Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program aims to bring 500 to 1,000 young Africans to the U.S. for 6-8 week professional training programs at U.S. universities in three "tracks": 1) **public management and administration**, 2) **business and entrepreneurship**, and 3) **civic leadership, including NGO management and advocacy**. Formal training will be augmented by workshops, mentoring, and networking opportunities with leaders in each field. The program will include a summit in Washington, D.C. with senior U.S. government officials. Following the university training, selected participants will be placed in internships across the United States. For more information about the fellowship please follow the link below:

<https://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/washington-fellowship/2015-mandela-washington-fellowship-application/>

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the program, candidates must:

Be a citizen of and reside in Chad. Persons holding U.S. citizenship or permanent residency are **not** eligible;

Speak and write proficiently in English;

Be between 25-35 years of age at the time of application submission;

Have a proven record of leadership and accomplishment in public service, business or entrepreneurship, or civic engagement;

Demonstrate a commitment to public or community service, volunteerism, or mentorship; and  
Be committed to return to Chad and contribute their skills and talents to build and serve their communities.

Please follow the link above for additional information regarding eligibility.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

English proficiency;

Demonstrated interest in and commitment to leadership and civil society;

Ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and tolerate the opinions of others;  
Leadership potential;

Good social and communication skills;

Good academic performance;

An energetic, positive attitude;

Submitted a complete application in English, including photograph, copy of passport, resume, and letters of recommendation;

Demonstrated knowledge, interest, and relevancy in relationship to the thematic topic selected and;

Commitment to implement projects that benefit the country, community, or school after they return home.

Please follow the following link for more information about the selection criteria:

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### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Following the initial application review by panel based in the U.S., semi-finalists will be contacted for an interview with U.S. Embassy staff members in January 2015. Finalists will be assigned to a U.S. host institution based on the selected theme: Public Management, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Civic Leadership (see link above).

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Interested eligible candidates may apply online at the following website which will be live from **October 7 through November 5, 2014:**

<https://youngafricanleaders.state.gov/washington-fellowship/2015-mandela-washington-fellowship-application/>

*Please visit the Embassy website and Facebook below for more information:*

<http://chad.usembassy.gov/>

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