



U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo

Youth Leadership Program for High School Students

Description

The Youth Leadership Program with Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia will support the participation of approximately 24 secondary school students and educators in a 21-day, U.S.-based exchange on community service, leadership and media literacy. The exchange is expected to take place August 24-September 14, 2012. The exchange will start in Brattleboro, Vermont. The group will then split for home stays in Louisville, Kentucky, and San Diego, California. The groups will return to finish the exchange together in Washington, D.C. Leadership, community service and civic education will be primary program themes, and media literacy and journalism will be a central sub-theme to be used as a lens through which to polish communication skills, problem solving, and team building. In the months that follow their return home, alumni will develop projects that serve the needs of their communities.

Formal program activities will include workshops, interactive sessions, simulations, leadership training, and team-building exercises. While in their host communities, the participants will live in home stays and work with peers on local projects relating to the program sub-theme, as well as developing projects to undertake on their return home. Extracurricular activities will round out the program with volunteer service opportunities as well as interactive site visits with relevant organizations.

Eligibility Criteria

All students must be:

- Citizens, nationals or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport.
- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old by April 15, 2012, and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking).
- Demonstrate an interest and possibly previous experience communicating via blogs/journals/school paper

Application Instructions

All applicants are required to submit: a copy of valid passport, complete application form with and to ExchangesCairo@state.gov indicating the name of the program in the subject.

To download the Application Form, please visit: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

Deadline for Applications: May 30, 2012, 4:30 p.m.