APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRANSATLANTIC FELLOWS SUMMER INSTITUTE

All information should be in English and presented as follows:

A. Last (family) name as on passport

B. First name as on passport

C. Middle name(s) as on passport

D. Date of birth (month/day/year)

E. City of birth

F. Country of birth

G. Country of residence

H. Country of citizenship

I. Gender

J. Position (Choose from "Secondary School Student", "University Undergraduate Student", or "Special School", Institute, or Vocational Student". If you are in the gap year between high school and college, please use the secondary school student position.

K. Full address

L. Home telephone number

M. E-mail address(es)

N. Medical, physical, dietary, or other personal considerations (at this time, no physical examination is required to participate in the program although the U.S. host institution may have specific requirements)

O. Name of your high school or college/university

P. Field of study (if applicable)

Q. Any other relevant educational, academic and professional experience or training.

R. Active memberships, special interests, or extracurricular activities

S. Previous travel and study experience in the United States. Please include dates and purpose. Please indicate whether such travel was supported by U.S. government funds.

T. Evidence of competence in written and oral English (e.g. personal interview, test score, etc.)

U. Future study or career plans

V. Personal statement (not to exceed 300 words) highlighting why you should be selected to participate in the Institute.

The following factors will be among those considered in the selection process:

• Strong interest in learning more about the transatlantic relationship, the role of a free press in a democracy, and public or community service.
• Demonstrated interest in communications, advocacy, debate, or civic participation.
• Academic aptitude for a program of this nature.
• Personal qualities needed to be successful participants, including maturity, strong social skills, flexibility, and open-mindedness.
• Demonstrated interest in pursuing leadership opportunities.
• Desire to learn first-hand about the United States, its people, society, and institutions.

Applications should be submitted electronically no later than Thursday, March 17, 2016 to the Embassy of the United States, Education and Exchange Programs Coordinator, e-mail: USHelsinkiExchanges@state.gov

Application should include:

- Completed application form
- A letter of recommendation in English (optional)

Phone interviews with selected candidates will be conducted on March 23 and 24, 2016. Please indicate in your application when you can be reached between 08:30-16:00 on those dates.