

2012 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TRANSATLANTIC FELLOWS SUMMER INSTITUTE

The U.S Embassy in Tbilisi is pleased to announce the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Summer Institute for the summer of 2012. The program will take place in July 2012.

The Summer Institute will enable teenagers ages 16-18 to participate in an intensive, four-week exchange program in the United States that focuses on the global issues that European and American youth face on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Students will participate in a variety of activities such as training sessions, workshops, community-based programs, study tours, and cultural events. Participants will work together to prepare a joint project that presents and promotes the stated goals and objectives of the Institute.

Nominees should have a strong interest in learning more about diplomacy, the transatlantic relationship, the role of a free press in a democracy, and an interest in public or community service. They should have a strong demonstrated interest in communications, advocacy, debate, or civic participation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be between 16 and 18 years of age as of July 1, 2012
- Applicants must be highly proficient in English (this will be checked during the oral interview)
- Applicants must be committed to enrolling in high school or university in their home countries in fall 2012 following completion of the Institute
- Applicants must demonstrate strong leadership potential and interest in transatlantic relations and diplomacy
- Applicants must have a serious interest in learning about the United States
- Applicants must have a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by academic grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community and extracurricular activities
- Applicants must have had little or no prior U.S. study or travel experience in the United States
- Applicants must be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive summer program, community service, and active educational travel program
- Applicants must be comfortable with campus life, shared living accommodations, travel and interaction with a multinational, coed group of participants from across Europe and the U.S., and comfortable with engaging various Americans in the broader community.

Applicants must be able to adjust to cultural and social practices different from those of their home countries.

Please send the following documents with a subject line “2012 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Summer Institute” via email to KuchukhidzeT@state.gov:

1. Completed application form, including two essays
2. One recommendation letter by your current high school teacher or university professor
3. A copy of school/university grades for the fall semester of 2011-12 academic year

The submission deadline for the applications is 5 March, 2012.

For additional information or program related consultations, please contact Tea Kuchukhidze at KuchukhidzeT@state.gov Tel.: (832 2) 27 71 48

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Application Form

- Last name as on passport:

- First name as on passport:

- Date of birth (month/day/year):

- City of birth:

- Country of birth:

- Country of residence:

- Country of citizenship:

- Gender:

- Position (Choose from "Secondary School Student", "University Undergraduate Student", or "Special School, Institute, or Vocational Student"):

- Home address:

- Home telephone number:

- Cell phone number:

- E-mail address:

- 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):

- Name of high school or college/university:

- Field of study (if applicable):

- Any other relevant educational, academic and professional experience or training:

- Active memberships, special interests, or extracurricular activities:

- Previous travel and study experience in the United States:

- Evidence of competence in written and oral English (TOEFL or IELTS test score, if applicable):

- **Describe what you see yourself working on in 5-10 years.** (A short essay not to exceed 500 words).
- **Describe a challenge that you overcame.** (A short essay not to exceed 500 words).

For the essays please use the space below or an additional page.

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Recommendation Form

Applicant's name: _____

Referee's name: _____

Position: _____

School/Institution: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant?

