



THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

2011-2012 FULBRIGHT MA TESOL PROGRAM

GUIDELINES

1. Funding:

The Fulbright program provides funding for up to two years of study.

2. Previous travel to the United States:

Applicants who have never traveled and/or studied in the United States will be given priority over those who have spent a considerable time in the United States and/or who have regularly traveled there.

3. Second Masters:

Applicants applying for a first Masters will be given priority over those who are applying for a second Masters.

4. Immigration regulations:

Applicants must promise full compliance with U.S. laws and regulations governing immigration and naturalization. All grant-holders must return to South Africa on completion of their studies.

5. Commencement of studies:

Applications for the current cycle are for studies commencing at the start of the 2011 U.S. academic year, that is September 2011 to June 2012..

6. Dependents:

The U.S. Embassy and the Fulbright Program are not responsible in any way for dependents accompanying a Fulbright grantee to the United States. Should a grantee want dependents to accompany him/her, the grantee must show proof of financial means to provide travel, adequate health insurance, and support for them.

7. Application forms:

Application forms are available from our website:

<http://southafrica.usembassy.gov/wwwhelp.html>

- **All applications must be accompanied by the document marked "Checklist", found at the end of these guidelines.**
- **Please do not email or fax applications.**

- Send signed and completed applications, preferably by registered mail, to:

**MA TESOL Program
c/o RELO
U.S. Embassy
P.O. Box 9536
Pretoria 0001**

7. Closing date for applications:

The closing date for applications is **APRIL 20, 2010**. The deadline for all documents (applications, transcripts, certified copies of certificates and reference letters) is non-negotiable. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that applications are complete and that all supporting documents are received by the closing date.

Applicants should emphasize to their referees the importance of submitting reference letters by 20 April.

8. Required format of applications:

- Application forms must be completed in full. Please do not reformat the application.
- Only typed applications will be considered; no handwritten applications will be accepted.
- Under 4.2 in the application, you are asked if there is one or more American universities where you would like to study. Please give this careful consideration and conduct on-line research on institutions that could fulfill your academic needs. There are thousands of institutions of higher education in the United States; please show evidence that the institution listed is appropriate for your course of studies. You may include brief background information on why a specific institution suits your needs. The U.S. Consulates in Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town have professional educational advisors who are available to counsel students about study in the United States. Please see the U.S. Embassy website for more information about these services (<http://southafrica.usembassy.gov>). If you do not have any specific universities in mind, Fulbright will choose one for you.
- Please note the importance of the following two sections: Study Objectives and Narrative Statement. These two essays are key to helping the selection panels and, eventually, the admissions offices of U.S. universities assess your qualifications and personal qualities. Please use these sections as an opportunity to let the selection panels get to know you and understand what motivates you to study in the United States.

9. Selection procedures:

- All applications are carefully reviewed by the Selection Committee, after which the most qualified applicants in each region will be invited for personal interviews.

Interview Venues:

Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape candidates)

Cape Town (Western Cape candidates)

Durban (KwaZulu-Natal candidates)

Pretoria (Gauteng, Limpopo, North West Province and Mpumalanga candidates)

Bloemfontein (Free State, and Northern Cape candidates)

- Applicants who are unable to come to an interview in their region may request to have it in another region.
- Applicants, who have not been invited for an interview by May 10, 2010, should consider their application as unsuccessful.
- Applicants remain in applicant status until acceptance and placement at an American university has been confirmed by the U.S. Embassy.

10. Required documentation:

Applications will only be considered complete and be processed if all the following required documents have been received by April 20, 2010:

- **Certified transcripts:**
Study symbols of all years of university studies must be indicated.
- **Certified copies of all teacher training diploma and degree certificates**
- **Four academic letters of reference on the required form.** Please email the reference letter as an attachment to your referees.
 - Reference letters must be submitted directly by the referees to the U.S. Embassy address as provided in order to ensure their confidentiality.
 - As these documents will be an important part of the applicant's admission package to U.S. universities, please submit typed references with as much information and background as possible

NOTE:

Please do not include extraneous materials, such as Matric Certificates, copies of identity documents, extra reference letters, SACE certificates, etc.

Name of applicant:

MY CHECKLIST

DEADLINE: April 20, 2010

My application includes:

- Checklist (to serve as cover page to application)
- Application form
- Study objective (one page)
- Narrative statement (one page)
- Certified copies of diplomas and degrees
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Certified copy of the front page of your passport
- Passport-size photograph

I have asked the following four educators including your immediate supervisor for reference letters:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.