



The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The Women2Women International Leadership Program



July 29- August 8, 2015

Deadline: March 31st, 2015

The Women2Women International Leadership Program (W2W) is a program sponsored by Empower Peace, a partner of the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, based in Boston, Massachusetts whose mission is to provide young people around the world with the tools needed to advance mutual respect, understanding and cultural awareness. W2W 2015 is an opportunity for young women ages 15-19 to participate in an educational cultural exchange in Boston, Massachusetts, USA from July 29-August 8 2015. The conference will provide participants with the opportunity to learn, network and acquire leadership skills that will empower them to make a difference in their respective communities and countries. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with their peers from around the world.

The Women2Women – America 2015 conference will focus on how you can “Claim Your Seat at the Table” and empower other young women to do the same. You will have the opportunity to learn about the current status of women and girls around the world, as well as the social and economic progress that is possible when women and girls have the opportunity to participate fully in every aspect of society. You will meet with leading figures tackling these challenges on an international scale, and develop your leadership skills so you can make a difference. Perhaps most importantly, you will be joining a lifelong, global network of young women who support each other and work together to contribute to positive change around the world.

Working with educational partners who are associated with The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and Harvard Law School, the W2W conference unites these emerging leaders with the issues they share as young women and enables them to take action in their own communities.

Women2Women alumni synthesize their experience by implementing civic engagement action plans upon returning home. Delegates stay in the dorms and share a room with a young leader from another country. Empower Peace staff members reside on campus throughout the program and are available 24 hours a day.

Student Eligibility:

- Age 15-19 as of March 7, 2014
- Able to demonstrate proficiency in English (reading, writing, and speaking)
- Able to engage and thrive in an atmosphere that brings together different kinds of people and views
- Talented, curious, enthusiastic young women who want to make a difference in their community

- Applicants must provide a general health history with their application.
- Students with the following abilities/interests are eligible:
 - Learning about other cultures, religions, and countries
 - Political science/government, world events, media/journalism, community activism and/or business.
 - Active in community service activities and/or extracurricular activities.
 - Willing and able to work with a variety of individuals and teams from many different cultures, backgrounds and religions.
 - Demonstrate solid leadership qualities and abilities.
 - Make the most of this opportunity and share their experiences with others in their schools and communities when they return home.

Student application requirements: *All nominees must supply the following:*

- A completed application form.
- A short essay (up to one page) about women who inspire you and why you think you should attend the conference.
- Two photos that provide visual context for the written essay.
- The application, essay, and photos should all be attached to the email.
- Semi-finalists for the essay will be selected for interviews with the Consulate General.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit your application no later than **March 31st, 2015**

Here is the link for the Online 2015 Student Application:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=mjkixfeZ3NLe9pLIUwDAoA>

Here is the link for the 2015 Teacher/Educator application:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=3HjnM4a18VclDOD8td7gDA>

Please submit a completed and signed application electronically to

Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov (West Bank and Jerusalem) or GazaExchanges@gmail.com (Gaza).

Inquiries:

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email jerusalemexchanges@state.gov; call 054-542-0953 or 02-622-6968 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email GazaExchanges@gmail.com; call 08-286-4623 for more information.