



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



August 7-16, 2014

Deadline: March 31st, 2014

The Women2Women International Leadership Program (W2W) is a program of Empower Peace, a partner of the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, based in Boston, MA whose mission is to provide young people around the world with the tools needed to advance mutual respect, understanding and cultural awareness. This 10-day summer exchange program that takes place in Boston, MA and is specifically designed for young women between the ages of 15 to 19. Focused on leadership development, the conference will include training in social entrepreneurship skills, conflict resolution, negotiation, understanding the media, the power of social networking, global human rights, public speaking and most importantly, how to develop and implement an action plan.

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. Wheelock College in the campus host for the exchange program in 2014. 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, 2014**

The applications are found online: http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/educational_exchange.html;
<http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/W2W.html>

Please submit a completed and signed application electronically to exchanges@state.gov (West Bank and Jerusalem) or GazaExchanges@gmail.com (Gaza).

Inquiries:

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email marroummv@state.gov; call 02-622-7172, or (0545) 420 953 for more information.

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