

The U.S. Embassy is proud to announce

The Ambassador's Youth Council

Ambassador Karen B. Stewart, U.S. Ambassador to the Lao PDR, is pleased to announce the creation of the "Ambassador's Youth Council." Through this council, the Ambassador will directly engage Lao youth and future leaders. The Ambassador hopes to cultivate young leaders from around the country, engage Lao youth on topics of interest to young people, and receive input on U.S. Embassy programs and U.S. policies in Laos.

The U.S. Embassy is recruiting up to 12 members to serve a one-year volunteer term on the Council.

Activities

Under the overall guidance of the Public Affairs Officer and under the direct supervision of the Ambassador's Youth Council Coordinator, the selected youth council will participate in the following activities:

1. Meet once every two months with the Ambassador
 - Each meeting will also include another American staff member at the Embassy so that youth can engage on a variety of topics
 - Meeting agendas are driven by youth
 - Council members make presentations on issues facing Lao youth and Embassy representatives present on U.S. policy issues; Participants will discuss areas of possible collaboration, with Council members providing input and suggestions
 - During the interval between the meetings, youth will plan their next presentations and engage with each other on a dedicated Facebook page
2. Advise on existing youth outreach programs
3. Organize a youth town hall with the Ambassador once per year
4. Assist in organizing other Embassy events as appropriate (e.g., Earth Day, Women's History Month, International Youth Day)
5. Participate in special Embassy speaker programs and be prepared to brief VIP visitors from the U.S. about issues of importance to Lao youth

Selection Criteria for Youth Council Members

- Be a Lao national between the ages of 17 and 25

- Demonstrate a commitment to leadership – such as being a youth leader from an NPA or NGO, volunteer group, youth political association, or religious community; a member of the Lao American Overseas Students Club (LAOSC) or other U.S. exchange program alumni group; a university student leader; or a young business leader or entrepreneur
- Be committed to serving a one-year volunteer term on the Council and to attending all activities
- Have strong English-language skills

How to apply

Interested youth are asked to submit **a CV** (listing educational background, work experiences including volunteer experience, and level of English proficiency) and **a Statement of interest** to Public Affairs Section no later than 09 November 2012. The statement of interest must identify an issue important to the applicant and outline a potential solution and how to implement it.

Please submit hard copies to:

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Application Deadline: November 9, 2012 (5pm)