

2016 South East Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP)

Application Deadline: December 10, 2015

The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce an open competition for the 2016 South East Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP) sponsored by the U.S. Embassy and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

SEAYLP brings together high school students and adult mentors from the ten ASEAN member countries for a three week United States-based exchange program focused on civic education, leadership, diversity, and volunteerism, which will prepare participants to conduct projects at home that serve a community need. Program activities will be replicable and interactive so the participants learn concrete skills they can use once they return home. Participants will live with American families for most of the exchange period and will have multiple opportunities to interact with American youth and educators. The program will take place in April 2016 and participants will develop projects that serve the needs of their communities in the months that follow their return home.

Eligibility Criteria

---Students who may apply are those who:

- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old by April 1, 2016;
- Have a high school graduation year of 2016 or later;
- Have strong English language skills; and
- Have permission from parent(s)/guardian(s) and schools to participate in the entire program.

The application for secondary school students is [available here](#) (PDF).

---Adult mentors who may apply are those who:

- Teach at a secondary school or work with youth in a professional or volunteer capacity;
- Are well respected in the community;
- Have strong English language skills; and
- Are committed to continue working with SEAYLP participants after their return from the United States.
- Have travel experience outside their home state or province, such as to the national capital, international travel experience is not required

The application for adult applicants is [available here](#) (PDF).

Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted in two hard copies (one origin and make one more copy) and must be submitted to the Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy, Ban. Somvang, KM9, Thadeua Road, Vientiane, Laos. Please submit no later than *5pm on December 10, 2015*. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview. Please send your questions to email: USGscholarshipsLaos@state.gov. or Tel: 021 48 7055 regarding the application and selection process.