2014 Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia
Laos

Student Application

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Application Deadline: December 4, 2013

Program date: April 1 – April 22, 2014

Program Description: Students and educators are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia. Formal exchange activities will include workshops, interactive sessions, simulations, leadership training, and team-building exercises.

Each week there will be special integrative sessions to review and synthesize newly acquired knowledge, skills, and values. Workshops will cover U.S. approaches to civil society and citizen action; social entrepreneurship and volunteer service; diversity, tolerance, and conflict resolution; and networking with local NGOs, businesses, and governmental institutions. Extracurricular activities will round out the program with volunteer service opportunities as well as interactive site visits with relevant organizations in the host communities.

The adult participants will have special sessions with their peers designed to help the adults foster leadership and civic education programs at home. Participants will have home stays with American families.

Students who may apply are those who:

- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old during the program
- May be high school or first year college students
- Have good English skills, sufficient for understanding academic discussion and everyday social interactions
- Have permission from both parents and schools to participate in the entire program.

Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application in English as completely as possible. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

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Applications should be submitted to:

Student Advising Service/Information Resource Center
Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos.

Questions regarding the application and selection process should be addressed to:

Tel: 856-21-26 7000 Ext. 7089 and 7263. Email: lao_educationusa@state.gov

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Paste or staple a recent passport-size photograph here

About you:

Last (Family) Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Nickname _____

Male _____ Female _____

Birth date: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address_____

City, Postal Code_____

Telephone _____

Email _____

City and Country of Birth _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence_____

About your family:

Parent or guardian name(s) _____

_____

Address (if different from yours) _____

Father: Telephone _____ Email _____

Mother: Telephone _____ Email _____

Brothers/Sisters

Name	Gender	Age	Occupation

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About your education:

School name_____

School address_____

City, Postal code_____

Current grade _____ Year you will graduate _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

_____

About your academic and community interests:

Academic subjects you are most interested in: _____

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies) in which you have participated, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered: _____

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Can you identify a specific issue or problem affecting your school, neighborhood, or community? What might you do to help resolve this problem?

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Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Why is participation in this program important to you and how will it benefits your community?

2. What do you see as the qualities of a good leader? Describe someone you know personally who you admire as a good leader and explain why.

3. Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

More about you:

Do you have a valid passport? _____

If yes: Issuing Country _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date (day/month/year) _____

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? _____

If yes: Where, when, why? _____

Applicant signature:

All information in this application is accurate and true

_____ Date _____

Parent or guardian signatures:

I permit my son/daughter to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

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Reference

For the Applicant: Below, fill in your name and give this form to a teacher or other adult outside your family who knows you well. Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it.

Applicant Name _____

For the Reference: The student named above is applying to take part in a the Youth Leadership Program with Southeast Asia, a 25-day exchange program in the United States for students and teachers. The selected students will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

_____ I strongly recommend this student
_____ I recommend this student
_____ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
_____ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
_____ I do not recommend this student

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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