

Applications Now Being Accepted for the U.S. Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD)

The U.S. Global Undergraduate Exchange Program offers scholarships for one semester or one academic year of study in the U.S. to undergraduate students from Laos for the academic year 2010-2011. Scholarships will be available in all academic fields of study except the fields of medicine, nursing, veterinarianism, pharmacology, and other clinical fields.

The goal of the program is to provide a diverse group of emerging student leaders, from non-elite and under-represented groups in East Asia, with a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university. Students who have studied abroad in other countries are not eligible for this program.

Eligibility:

Lao citizens age 24 years or younger at the time of application;
Completed the first, second, or third year of an accredited undergraduate degree program;
Demonstrated proficiency in the English language with a minimum TOEFL score of 500 (61 TOEFL IBT or 173 TOEFL CBT);
Demonstrated leadership through academic work, community service, or extracurricular activities.

Application Package:

The initial registration form, essay, and copy of transcripts are due on October 23, 2009. The form is available at the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center or can be downloaded from <http://laos.usembassy.gov>

A complete application package due on November 25 must include

- The completed application form;
- Essay on why you wish to study in the U.S. (500 words maximum);
- Academic transcripts;
- Letters of reference;
- And TOEFL score report.

Interested students should contact Vimol Dalaloy to register for the program before completing their application. In order to register, students will be requested to have proof of citizenship, university enrollment, a copy of their most recent transcripts, and an essay on why they wish to study in the U.S. (500 words maximum). Qualified students will be invited to take an English screening test on November 6. Students who have passed the screening test will be asked to register for the TOEFL and submit their full scholarship application. Successful candidates will be notified of their awards by February/March 2010.

Applications for registration should be submitted to the Public Diplomacy Section,
Attn: Vimol Dalaloy, U.S. Embassy, Rue Bartolonie, Vientiane.
For more information Tel: 021 26 7000. Ext. 7055, 7089.