



2016 MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

Change Malawi for the better!



2015 YALI Mandela Washington Fellows

If you are a young Malawian leader and want to make a difference for your community and your country, don't miss your chance to be part of the 2016 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. The U.S. Embassy is seeking qualified applicants to participate in a 6-week-long Training Institute to be held at universities across the United States in June/July 2016. The Fellowship experience will culminate in a Summit in Washington D.C. where Fellows from across the African continent

will attend workshops, build contacts, and interact with leading U.S. business and government entities. Applications will be accepted online only from **October 1** through **November 11, 2015**. Successful applicants should:

- Have a demonstrated record of contributing to Malawi's continuing economic, political, and civic development.
- Be committed to continued leadership in his/her community and nation.
- Identify which of the three professional tracks — Business & Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, or Public Management — best suits his/her interests.
- Be between 25 and 35 years of age (though exceptional candidates under 25 will be considered).
- Female and rural-based candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Access the application at: <http://youngafricanleaders.state.gov>

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE – PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED. If needed, please visit an "American Space" in Mzuzu (Mzuzu University), Blantyre (the Polytechnic), Zomba (Chancellor College), or Lilongwe (City Centre) to use a computer to submit your online application. There is no cost to apply. All Malawian citizens who meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply.



"My academic and professional engagement experience at the University of Virginia, and College of William & Mary was incredible and revolutionary. Certainly, the skills and knowledge earned will be instrumental in accelerating my career trajectory in Human rights and civic leadership, and serving communities in Malawi."

- Charles Kajoloweka, 2015 Fellow
Executive Director, Youth and Society



"After the fellowship I committed to continue mentoring women and youth in agribusiness. Malawi being an agro-based economy, we have not fully utilized the potential in agriculture to reduce poverty and hunger, to create employment opportunities and accelerate agricultural gains."

- Madalitso Chidumu, 2015 Fellow
Global Poverty Action Fund Coordinator (NASFAM)



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APPLY TO BE A PART OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF AFRICAN LEADERS!

"I launched YALI...to help you access the resources and the training and the networks that you need to become the next generation of leaders..." - PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA -

The [Mandela Washington Fellowship](#) is the flagship program of the President's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). This program will bring 1,000 young leaders to the United States in 2016 for leadership training and mentoring, and will create unique opportunities in Africa to put those new skills to practical use in propelling economic growth and prosperity, and strengthening democratic institutions.

AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO...

- ▲ Interact with [President Obama](#) at a Presidential Summit in Washington, D.C.;
- ▲ Participate in a [6-week leadership and mentoring program](#) at a U.S. institution;
- ▲ Meet with U.S. government, civic, and business leaders;
- ▲ Access exceptional internship and apprenticeship opportunities;
- ▲ Expand your business or project through access to millions of dollars for small grant funding; and
- ▲ Join a [continent-wide and global alumni](#) network to help you seek innovative solutions to common challenges.
- ▲ Be a part of something bigger! Join the YALI Network at youngafricanleaders.state.gov/beinvolved

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