



Application Form – U.S. Ambassador’s Youth Council



The Ambassador’s Youth Council (AYC) is an initiative sponsored by U.S. Embassy Islamabad to provide Pakistani youth with the platform to inform policy-makers in the U.S. Embassy about issues of importance to youth and to contribute to the betterment of their communities. The AYC offers participants the unique opportunity to:

- Contribute to the dialogue on important topics for both the United States and Pakistan, including politics, culture, economics, the media, and more;
- Design and participate in community and volunteer programs to promote civil society;
- Provide input to the Ambassador and American diplomats on current issues of importance to Pakistani youth;
- Learn more about international exchange and educational programs offered by the Embassy;
- Receive a certificate of achievement, signed by the Ambassador and reference letter from the U.S. Embassy coordinator of AYC.
- Become a part of the Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN), upon successful graduation from the council.

Application Guidelines

Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Sunday, August 9, 2015, to islamabad.ayc@gmail.com . Applicants must:

- be proficient in English;
- be between 18 and 25 years of age;
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- have a sustained high level of academic and professional achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and recommendations;
- demonstrate commitment to community and extracurricular activities;
- be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive;
- be willing and able to actively participate in the planning and execution of AYC activities;
- dedicate at least 10 hours a month to AYC for the duration of their term.

A panel of Embassy officials and AYC members will evaluate the applications and select the members. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be notified before August 23, 2015.



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Biographical Information

Prefix: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of August 9, 2015: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

City, Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Facebook: _____ Twitter (optional): _____

Nationality: _____ (please list all)

Note: Please email your picture along with the application form.

Educational Information

- Education, Academic, and Professional Training, including degree earned and fields of specialization. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Degree Earned	Year Earned	Specialization/ Institution

- If you are currently studying, what is your year in School/University? (choose one):
 - 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th
 - Academic Major, Institution:

Work Information (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)



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Dates	Job Title	Organization

- Are you currently on or have you ever earned any kind of scholarship, including the Fulbright Scholar Program or International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)? Please list Pakistani scholarships and American scholarships separately and provide details.

Volunteer Experience:

Memberships in Associations, Clubs, etc.:

Distinctions, Awards, Honors:

Time Commitment: Given your school, work, and extracurricular requirements, can you commit to giving ten hours per month for the next year to the work of the U.S. Ambassador’s Youth Council?

YES

NO

Essay Questions

Tell us about yourself and your goals by answering the following three questions. Structure your essays in paragraphs, with each question’s response limited to no more than 300 words (approximately half-a-page, single-spaced).

- What about your background and interests makes you competitive for the U.S. Ambassador’s Youth Council? Please be as specific as possible. What makes you a leader among your peers? What will you contribute to the group and what do you hope to get out of your term?
- What challenges do you see for youth in Pakistan? How can you work to overcome these challenges? How would you increase mutual understanding between the U.S. and Pakistan, or between Pakistan and its regional neighbors?



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3. What is your personal success story? Please include a short description of what you’d like to share.