



## **Announcement**

# **The 2016 Youth and Civic Engagement Conference Hanoi, October 28-30<sup>th</sup>**

*The U.S. Embassy Hanoi is recruiting 70 Vietnamese candidates between the ages of 18-25 for the 2016 Youth and Civic Engagement Conference in Hanoi. The conference will be held from the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> to the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>, October 2016. All program and travel costs will be covered by the U.S. Embassy. Deadline for application: 23:59 Oct 12, 2016. Language for the conference: Vietnamese.*

The 2016 Youth and Civic Engagement Conference is organized by the U.S. Embassy Hanoi in partnership with the Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS) under the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative – YSEALI, a signature program launched by U.S. President Barack Obama to promote and strengthen the power of youth in Southeast Asia to tackle common regional and global challenges.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The conference aims to connect Vietnamese youth interested in promoting the participation of youth in community activities and sharing best practices and opportunities for cooperation. Participants will discuss common regional challenges and learn critical skills to work together with the community and motivate individuals to actively participate in solving these problems. Over the course of the conference, participants will develop action plans to promote civic engagement to create positive changes for society.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The ideal participants are:

- Vietnamese youth between 18 – 25 years old who are members of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI). To become a YSEALI member, please register (at no cost) at <https://asean.usmission.gov/yseali/>



- Actively participating in social activities and taking concrete actions to push for positive social changes in their communities.
- Taking initiatives and/or have the desire to implement action plans in the near future.
- Able to fully and actively participate in the conference.

Special consideration will be given to candidates from remote or underprivileged areas.

## PROGRAM'S AGENDA

A detailed program will be sent to successful candidates.

## HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must submit their application online at: <http://bit.ly/YSEALIVNConference2016>

- Round 1: Complete the application form before 23:59 Oct 12, 2016. All applications submitted after this deadline are ineligible.
- Round 2: Interview, tentatively on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.

Type of interview: FACE-TO-FACE (for candidates in Hanoi) and SKYPE (for candidates in provinces).

Selected participants will need to attend a meeting in preparation for the conference.

Application results will be announced by Oct 20, 2016.

## CONTACT

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