



## 2014 TechGirls Program Student Application

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**Application Deadline: Tuesday February 11, 2014**

**Program Description:** Teenage secondary school students are invited to apply for participation in the 2014 TechGirls program. The program will bring teenage girls, ages 15-17, from select countries in the Middle East and North Africa to the United States in late summer 2014 for a month-long U.S.-based exchange program focused on promoting high-level study of technology. Program activities will include hands-on classes, labs, individual or team-based project design and development, mentoring experiences, job shadowing, site visits to high tech companies in Washington, D.C. and New York, and opportunities for interaction with American peers. **Exchange dates are July 31-August 21, 2014.**

TechGirls return home with the knowledge, skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their schools and communities through achievable action projects using technology. TechGirls will work on action plans in the United States and refine their plans upon return home.

Follow-on projects will be completed by January 15, 2015 and may include:

- 1) Publishing a story in a school or community newspaper or create a blog on your project or travel experience;
- 2) Conducting a 40-minute presentation to a minimum of twenty people;
- 3) Planning and delivering a peer education project that shows the use of technology in addressing a community issue or planning a series of classes to teach peers valuable tech skills;
- 4) Organizing a community service project and engaging your peers to assist; and
- 5) Writing a final project report

**Students who may apply are those who:**

- 1) are from one of the following eligible countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian territories, Tunisia, Yemen;
- 2) are between the ages of 15 and 17 as of July 1, 2014 (born after July 1, 1997, and before July 1, 1999);
- 3) have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- 4) intend to pursue higher education and careers in technology;
- 5) have strong English language skills;
- 6) are excited about learning;
- 7) exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness;
- 8) will attend at least one more semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country; and
- 9) are willing to complete a follow-on project upon their return home

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**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.

- 1) All sections of this application must be filled out accurately and completely. Missing information will delay or prevent consideration of your application.
- 2) All applications forms and references should be typed, if possible.
- 3) All sections requiring a signature must be signed.
- 4) Please submit application materials (application form and essays) as **one file**, either in PDF or MS Word. Please do not scan in individual pages and attach them as individual documents. Given that reference forms are not completed by the applicant, these documents may be sent as separate files.

Applications are ONLY accepted via emails to [PASSanaa@state.gov](mailto:PASSanaa@state.gov)

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## About you:

Last (Family) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Nam: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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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 list in the space below any specific classes in which you have participated to date that relate to the field of technology.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any extracurricular activities in which you have participated that relate to technology, how long you have been involved with each, as well as any awards or honors received. Use additional space as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any additional extracurricular/community activities (non-technology related) in which you have participated, and how long you have been involved with each.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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



**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport?  YES  NO

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?  YES  NO

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES**

**Applicant signature:**

I, the TechGirls applicant, certify that all information provided within this application is accurate and true

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or guardian signatures:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# TECHGirls

## 2014 TechGirls Reference Form

**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 the TechGirls Program, a three to five week exchange program in the United States. The selected students will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive training program. To succeed, the participants must be fluent in English, highly motivated, have a demonstrated aptitude and interest in the field of applied technology, 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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