



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2016 Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program

Application Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2015

The U.S. Embassy in Zambia is pleased to announce the 2016 Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program, a three-week exchange program in the United States for high school students aged 15-18 years old.

The Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program will target as many as 39 countries to support the U.S. government goals of fostering regional cooperation on the continent in addition to nurturing young leaders. The program will provide an opportunity for high school students from Zambia to travel to the U.S. to participate in leadership programs. The program will take place at the end of March 2016.

During the exchanges, participants will engage in workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes and subthemes, interactive training, presentations, visits to high schools, local cultural activities, and homestays with local American families. Follow-on activities with the participants are an integral part of the program, as the students apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired by planning service projects in their home communities.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

The youth participants will be high school students aged 15 to 18 years old at the start of the exchange who demonstrate leadership potential through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

Eligibility Requirements: Students must:

1. Be proficient in English;
2. Attend at least one semester of high school in their home country following completion of the program; i.e. in grade 11 or 12 as at January 2016;
3. Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
4. Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their school or community;
5. Have a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by academic grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
6. Demonstrate a commitment to community service and extracurricular activities;
7. Have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country;
8. Be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;
9. Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive program, community service, and active educational travel program during the exchange, as well as in follow-up activities afterward in their home countries.

Candidates should submit a CV providing information about their leadership and community activities, a cover letter, and up to two letters of recommendation. Please submit your applications to the following email address:

LusakaExchanges@state.gov

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