

# What is your DREAM?

WRITING CHALLENGE



We are inviting young people 15–24 to submit a 600-word essay answering one of these questions:

1. What is your dream for young women in Zambia and how can *others (your family, community, school, government, etc.) help you*, as an individual, achieve this dream? Or,
2. What is your dream for young women in Zambia and how can *you (as an individual) help* make this dream a reality?

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## How does the challenge work and what if I win?

A panel of representatives from the National AIDS Council, U.S. Government, and United Nations will judge your submissions. The winner will be invited to read their submission at a DREAMS event in late January in Lusaka. Ten runners-up will be invited to be a DREAMS Ambassador to help keep girls and young women in school and reduce their risk of HIV.

## What is DREAMS?

“DREAMS” is led by the Zambian and U.S. governments, the United Nations, and other partners, and brought together by the National AIDS Council to help keep girls in school, teach them how to prevent unintended pregnancies, and reduce HIV incidence.

## What are the submission rules?

- Be between 15 and 24.
- Write your own words about your DREAMS for young women in Zambia and either 1) what **others in your life** can do to achieve this; or 2) **what you** can do to achieve this, in less than 600 words.
- Submit your essay between December 16, 2015 and January 8, 2016.

## Why should I submit a story?

- To share your ideas to help you and your peers, and your communities actively work toward being AIDS free.
- You may find your story on social media or another of our publications.
- To build your school or job application.
- To join a community of activists working towards a healthier future.

## How do I submit my essay, and what if I have questions about the challenge?

Send your queries and submissions to [DREAMSZambia@state.gov](mailto:DREAMSZambia@state.gov); submissions are due January 8!

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