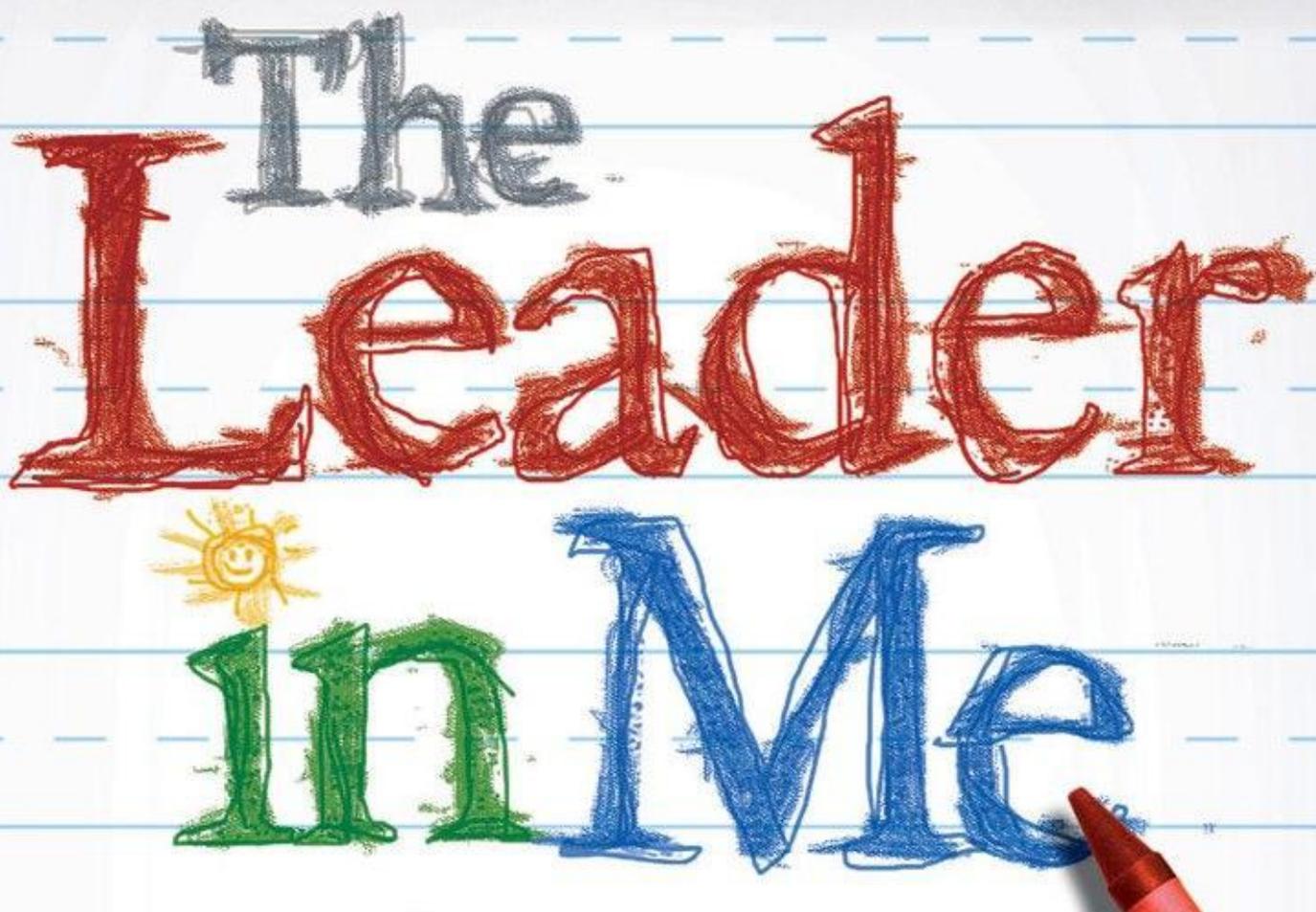




U.S. Embassy Algiers, Algeria



**Youth Programs  
&  
Academic Exchanges**



# Youth Leadership Program (YLP)

## What is the YLP?

YLP is an intensive five week summer program for Algerian teenagers. It consists of four days of intensive English language instruction and orientation in Algeria followed by a 4-week study program in the U.S.

## Who can apply?

The program is designed for high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership aptitude and an interest in community service
- Have sufficient proficiency in English to communicate effectively
- Exhibit flexibility, maturity, integrity, good social skills, and open-mindedness
- Have the motivation necessary to be active and successful exchange participants
- Will attend at least one more year of secondary school after the program

## How?

Download and Fill Out the Application from the U.S. Embassy Website!

**When ?** The YLP is usually open in March\* of each year.

[http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic\\_exchanges.html](http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html)

A complete application includes:

- Application Form
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Photograph
- Copy of first and second pages of passport

Please send your completed application packet [PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov](mailto:PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov).

**For more information on deadlines please go to:**

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# Between The Lines (BLT)

## What is the BTL writing contest?

Between the Lines invites aspiring young writers from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa between the ages of 16-19 to the University of Iowa to spend two weeks honing their creative writing skills and interacting with American students in the same age range. The international students will be accompanied by adult chaperones. The summer session of Between the Lines (BTL) will take place in July\* of each year. During the two-week BTL program, students will take classes in English with their American counterparts. They will also participate in writing workshop (in Arabic) with BTL faculty. Chaperones will enroll in a week-long Iowa Summer Writing Festival course (in English) that will also include American teachers.

## Who can apply?

### Students:

- Must be between the ages of 16 and 19 as of July of the participation's year.
- Must be Proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking).

## How To Apply?

Each applicant must provide the following:

- 7-8 pages of prose and/or poetry written in Arabic (free choice of topic)
- 7-8 pages of prose and/or poetry written in English (free choice of topic)
- The completed application form, including a one-paragraph personal statement (in English) describing why he/she is interested in participating in BTL.
- Copies of passport information pages; passport must be valid at least 6 months after the program ends.

**NOTE:** Each poem and/or prose piece must be unique; you cannot submit the same piece of writing in both English and Arabic.

### Finalists:

- Will be invited for an interview at the embassy
- Must bring a copy of their Arabic and English writing samples to the interview.

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# Model United Nations Conference (MUN)

MUN is a forum for engaged high school students to debate current global issues and gain insight into the world of international politics and decision-making. The program will include opening and closing ceremonies, committee sessions, expert debriefs, a diplomatic lunch, and a cultural night. For further details, including schedule, committees and topics, please see our website. Participation in this program will be fully funded by the American Embassy in Algiers and Georgetown University in Doha for a team of six students and one adult advisor. This funding will cover air travel, airport transfers in Doha to/from the hotel, hotel accommodation, two meals a day, and conference activities.

Completed applications and passport copies **MUST** be submitted by this time in order to be considered for the conference. Some students may not have up-to-date passports – please ensure that they sort these issues out **BEFORE** applying to the conference. All applicants will learn of their acceptance status as soon as possible.

**When ?** The MUN is usually open in September\* of each year.

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# Empower Peace Women2Women Conference (W2W)

The W2W Conference will take place in July in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The goal of Women2Women is to provide young female students with an opportunity to learn, network, and acquire the leadership and professional development skills. Participants also meet and interact with their counterparts from around the world. The purpose of the conference is to empower young women to become future leaders. To be accepted into the Women2Women program, applicants must demonstrate interest in leadership development, the democratic process, and public diplomacy.

**When ?** The W2W is usually open in May\* of each year.

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**Women2Women 2012**



# TechGirls

In July 2011, Secretary Clinton announced the launch of a youth exchange program called TechGirls "to encourage innovation and promote the spread of new technologies to give women and girls the support that they need to become leaders in this field."

TechGirls will complement the TechWomen program and echo its goals; this initiative champions two distinct but key themes of President Obama's June 2009 speech in Cairo by supporting development in the field of technology and enabling young women to reach their full potential in the technology industry.

The goals of the TechGirls program are:

- 1) To provide a program of academic study of applied technology for girls who already have a demonstrated aptitude and strong interest in the subject;
- 2) To empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology;
- 3) To link peers who share interests and abilities;
- 4) To develop the leadership skills of the participants;
- 5) To promote mutual understanding among the peoples of the United States and the countries and territories of the Middle East and North Africa.

**When ?** The TechGirls is usually open in November\* of each year.

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# Interfaith Dialogue

## Contest for the Best Article on Interfaith Dialogue

Each year the U.S. Embassy in Algiers sponsors a writing contest for young Algerians in collaboration with the Muslim Scouts of Algeria.

Interested candidates are invited to compose an essay on interfaith dialogue : the text can be about international or national questions related to the subject, on historical perspectives, or on a personal experience through which the participants describe the concept, role, form, and the goal of interfaith dialogue in the modern world.

A jury composed of religious figures and members of the press will choose the three best pieces and the authors will be recognized at a ceremony at the American Ambassador's residence in Algiers.

The three best articles will be published in the national press. The first prize is a laptop computer; the second and third prizes are bundles of books (in English and Arabic), as well as a year of English language lessons.

### Conditions of participation :

- Participants must be between the ages of 15-18
- Articles can be written in Arabic, French, or English
- The essay should not exceed 600 words
- You must include your name, address, email address, and telephone number with your submission and send it to :

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# Note

\* Please note that the programs' dates are subject to change without further notice. Please visit our website and Facebook page or follow us on Twitter to check our programs' announcements.



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