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young political leaders

The American Council of Young Political Leaders [ACYPL] is seeking mid-level government and/or civil society professionals from Libya to participate in a Professional Fellows Program in the United States with participants from Egypt, Libya and Tunisia.

The ACYPL Professional Fellows Program is a United States Department of State-funded exchange designed to strengthen the knowledge, leadership capacity, and professional skills of political and policy professionals who are in a position to effect positive change in their institutions and communities.

**Program applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered for participation:**

- Between ages 25-40
- Fluent oral and written English skills
- Self-directed and able to work effectively in cross-cultural settings
- Demonstrated commitment to public service
- Leadership potential in government, politics, policy making or civil society
- Hold current professional position in government, political party, legislative process and/or policy making
- May not hold dual-US citizenship
- May not have travelled on a US State Department issued J-1 visa in the past 3 years

**Program Timeline**

**5 Days** Washington, DC Orientation

**9 Days** Professional Fellowship in pre-determined US city



## Program Goals

- Promote cross cultural understanding and sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships between American and international program participants and their professional organizations

International fellows will:

- Gain knowledge and understanding of US practices in their professional fields; explore governance principles and practices in public and civil society institutions; and gain a deep understanding and appreciation for American society and culture

American hosts will:

- Share their professional expertise with international counterparts and gain a deeper understanding of professional practices, society, and culture, and people of their hosted fellow's country

## Program Objectives

- Demonstrate a better understanding of the elements of civil society and participatory democracy as practiced in the United States
- Demonstrate leadership skills and critical thinking





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## ACYPL PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICATION

To be considered for participation in the program, please complete ALL questions below.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOTE: ENGLISH FLUENCY IS REQUIRED

NATIVE LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: EXCELLENT, ADEQUATE, ○ MINIMAL

READING: \_\_\_\_\_ SPEAKING: \_\_\_\_\_ LISTENING: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREVIOUS UNITED STATES TRAVEL

DATE OF TRAVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACES VISITED: \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF VISA OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS TRAVEL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDED? YES / NO

### KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES

RANK ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Understanding of the United States Federal system of government:  
(none) 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10 (very much)

Understanding of American elections:  
(none) 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10 (very much)

Understanding of current American politics and policy making:  
(none) 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10 (very much)

Understanding of American history:  
(none) 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10 (very much)

Understanding of American culture:  
(none) 1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10 (very much)







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### HOW MIGHT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM SUPPORT THESE GOALS?

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PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS PROGRAM INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE AND THAT YOU MEET ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_