



AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Summer 2013

Adult Participant Application



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina! Global Kids is excited to partner with the US State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to offer this amazing opportunity free of charge to 18 students and 2 adult educators from New York City. **Completed applications must be submitted by email to AYLP@globalkids.org no later than 5 pm on January 14, 2013.**

Program Overview:

Through AYLP-Bosnia, GK leaders and adult educators will participate in a 10-month program aimed at investigating the role of the media in shaping local and global issues. The program will connect diverse youth from New York City with their peers in Bosnia-Herzegovina in a way that demonstrates the power of peer-to-peer citizen diplomacy, the importance of intercultural understanding, and the influence of the media in conflict, peace-building, and social justice.

Global Kids is partnering with Global Youth Connect, a U.S.-based human rights organization, and the Center for Peacebuilding, an organization that works with young people to nurture trust and mutual understanding in Sanski Most, Bosnia. In collaboration with their Bosnian peers, youth participants will engage in local service-learning activities and conduct social media projects to advance dialogue and community building. Through AYLP-Bosnia, young leaders will develop the skills to become both citizen diplomats and insightful citizen journalists at home and abroad.

Program Timeline:

December 2012: AYLP-Bosnia applications published and recruitment begins

January-February 2013: Applications received; participants interviewed and selected

March-June 2013: Training sessions, workshop development and trip preparation

Late June-July 2013: Three-week exchange to Bosnia (Exact dates to be determined)

August-December 2013: Post-exchange debrief; follow-on projects planned and implemented

AYLP -Bosnia Selection Process:

Part I: Application - Each of the following documents must be submitted by **January 14, 2013:**

- ☐ Complete Personal Profile and Signed Statement of Commitment
- ☐ Essay Question
- ☐ References
- ☐ Resume

Part II: In Person Interview - Once applications have been received, the AYLP-Bosnia selection team will choose a smaller number of applicants to invite to a second round which includes group and one on one interviews. The interviews will take place during the week of January 21, 2013.



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Program Eligibility:

All applicants must¹:

- ✓ Be an American Citizen and hold an American passport by March 1, 2013
- ✓ Be a New York City based educator or Global Kids Alumnus

A competitive candidate would have the following qualities:

- A passion for global affairs, human rights and issues related to social justice
- An interest in the Balkan region, intercultural understanding and gaining media/journalism skills
- Experience working with young people and knowledge of youth development practice
- Mature, thoughtful and a positive team player; open to new people & places; a happy traveler!

Adult Participant Expectations:

The primary role of the adult participant in the AYLP- Bosnia program is to actively engage in the entire experience alongside student participants. This experience is primarily a professional development opportunity for adult participants, but adults are also expected to serve in the role of mentor and chaperone during the summer exchange. The primary responsibilities of the adult participant are to:

- ✓ Attend program information sessions; participate fully in pre-departure trainings from March 2013-June 2013.
- ✓ Submit all forms and paperwork in a timely matter.
- ✓ Participate in collective fundraising efforts for in-country spending money for students and to expand international opportunities for Global Kids leaders.
- ✓ Actively engage in all aspects of the summer exchange, including workshops, excursions and small group projects.
- ✓ Serve as a mentor and chaperone for 18 students on the program.
- ✓ Be ready and willing to live with a Bosnian host family for 12 nights during the exchange.
- ✓ Upon return, share what was learned with community and carry out action project based on themes and outcomes of exchange in Bosnia.

¹ Applicants are ineligible if: 1) They previously traveled outside the U.S. on any US State Department-funded program within the past three years or have accepted a scholarship for an upcoming U.S. Government-funded exchange program. Should an applicant be accepted for more than one ECA-funded youth program in this timeframe, they must choose only one program in which to participate; and, 2) S/he is a family member (spouse or dependent child) of an employee of the ECA-Youth Programs Division. S/he is a family member (spouse or dependent child) of an employee of Global Kids or project partners of AYLP.



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Personal Profile

Applicant Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Transgender

Race/ethnicity: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, are you currently in the process of gaining your US citizenship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupation: _____ School/Employer: _____

What languages do you speak in addition to English? *Please indicate your level of fluency.*

Have you traveled, studied, or lived anywhere outside the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide a brief description including dates and location(s).

How did you learn about this program?

Are there any other special considerations related to your health and wellbeing that we should be aware of? Please describe.



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Have you participated in a U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs program before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe when and which program.

Are you a family member (spouse or dependent child) of employees of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Global Kids or Global Youth Connect? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you participated in a Global Kids youth leadership or professional development program before? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe when and which program.

Please provide us with a short bio, including any relevant personal information and your educational and professional background.

Why are you interested in participating in the AYLP- Bosnia program? What do you hope to gain from this experience? What do you hope to contribute to the experience of others on the program?

Please describe any skills or experience you may have related to media and journalism.



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How do you envision sharing your experience with others upon your return?

Statement of Commitment

I understand that, if selected, my participation in the AYLP Bosnia Program means that I agree to comply fully with the adult participant expectations detailed above and be an active participant in all aspects of the program, namely, pre-exchange programming, a summer exchange in Bosnia and a post-exchange talk back and project. I certify that all statements in this application are true and that the work submitted is my own.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Essay Question

Please answer **ONE** of the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper. Responses should be no longer than 500 words.

Essay Question # 1: Describe in your own words what it means to be a Global Citizen. How have you developed as a global citizen and how can this experience contribute to your growth? How will you work with the AYLP youth to help them develop as Global Citizens?

OR

Essay Question # 2: What are three ways in which the media can shape society and policy? Which form of media has the most impact on society and why? What impact can youth make on their communities using media and journalism?

References

Please list two personal or professional references that we can contact. At least one of these references should be able to speak specifically to your work with youth.

Reference # 1:

Name: _____ Relation to you: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference # 2:

Name: _____ Relation to you: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____