

An exciting scholarship opportunity for an intercultural, leadership exchange program in Summer 2014



The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Youth Programs Division, the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, World Learning and its U.S. community partners will collaborate to send 10 U.S. high school students and about 30 Iraqi high school students on a four-week educational exchange within the United States from July 22 to August 20, 2014.

Program Goals:

- To enable participants to understand civic engagement and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy
- To develop leadership skills
- To promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Iraq
- To foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups

Participants will come together for a week of leadership training in Brattleboro, Vermont before dividing into 3 cohorts and traveling to one of three host communities across the country. Students will then reunite in Washington, D.C. to create social action plans. Highlights will include homestays with local families, community service project planning and presentations.

Program Includes:

- Leadership, Teambuilding, Global Issues, Dialogue, Peacebuilding Activities
- Homestays, School Visits, Organizational Meetings, Travel, Volunteer Work
- Community Action Planning, Civic Education
- Highly Interactive Experientially Based Learning
- All expenses paid travel, lodging, and meals

The 10 U.S. participants will be selected based on academic achievement, commitment to their community, leadership potential, open-mindedness, and a positive attitude.



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APPLY BY DECEMBER 15th

General Eligibility Requirements

- have a high school graduation year of 2015 or later;
- be at least 15 years old but not more than 17 years old at the time of the program in summer 2014;
- have completed at least one year of high school before the start of the program in July 2014 and must have one year of high school remaining following their return home;
- have permission from either a parent or legal guardian to participate in the exchange program;
- have citizenship and current residency in the United States;
- have not participated nor traveled on an ECA-funded program within one academic year or the last three years, respectively;
- not be related to an ECA Youth Programs Division staff member nor of an employee of an organization responsible for implementing IYLEP 2014; and
- attend high school in Washington, DC, Vermont, or one of three host communities



Key Program Dates

July 22- August 22

- July 22- August 1: Brattleboro, Vermont
- August 1- 15: Milwaukee, WI; Portland, OR; or Tulsa, OK
- August 15-20: Washington, D.C.



Sample Day Agenda in Host Community

7:30am	Breakfast with host family
8:45am	Meet with IYLEP group
9-10:30am	Visit a local NGO and participant in a civic engagement workshop
11-12:30pm	Volunteer with local high school students
12:45-2pm	Lunch at a downtown market
2-4:00pm	Sightseeing at the Sears tower
4:00pm	Afternoon debrief on the day
5:00pm	Free night with host families – dinner, shopping, movies, cooking, family activities, sightseeing, hang with host siblings, etc.

As much as I learned about Iraq, I learned equally as much about America, and more importantly I learned about myself... IYLEP was a life changing experience for me, and I'm sure it will continue to change countless lives in the future.

– 2013 IYLEP Participant from Louisville, KY

Questions?

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