



Youth Leadership Program: ESTONIA

Adult Mentor Application

Program Description: The Youth Leadership Program with Estonia is a three-week exchange, from July 17 – August 11 in the United States for high school students and adult mentors. The primary program themes are civic education, community service, and youth leadership development. Participants live with host families for the majority of the exchange and engage in leadership and civic education workshops, community service activities, visits to local schools and community organizations, project planning and development, and local cultural activities with American peers. Participants return home with action plans to bring their exchange experience to their home communities in the form of a wide range of community service projects.

Adult applicants must:

- ✓ Be a citizen and live in Estonia (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered);
- ✓ Be teachers, trainers, and/or community leaders who work with youth;
- ✓ Have proficiency in English;
- ✓ Demonstrate positive leadership and service;
- ✓ Exhibit a high level of open-mindedness, flexibility, and interpersonal skills;
- ✓ Have the ability to work cooperatively in a team and tolerate the opinions of others; and
- ✓ Be willing to take on the role of chaperone, exchange participant, and commit to the continued mentorship of youth participants after their return home.

There is no application fee. The United States Government will pay for all costs to participate in the program, including international travel to and from the United States, orientations, visa fees, and the exchange activities in the United States, including meals and lodging.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2018

Applications should be submitted to:

usasaatkond@state.gov with a note “YLP Estonia – Adult” on the subject line

Questions should be addressed to:

usasaatkond@state.gov

Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application and answer all questions carefully and completely, in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting participants for this program. Semi-finalists will be contacted for an in-person, Skype or telephone interview.

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Paste or staple a recent passport-size photograph here

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last (Family) First Middle

Current Address _____

City, State, Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Age _____

City and Country of Birth _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence _____

Gender Male Female

Passport Information

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

If yes, please attached a copy of your passport

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

Issuing Country _____

Travel Information

Have you ever traveled to the United States or another country? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief description of dates, length and nature of your stay(s):

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND ACTIVITIES

****Please attach a CV or one page summary of your work experience****

Professional Information

Name of Current Employer _____

Job Title _____ How long at this job: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Supervisor's Phone _____ Email _____

Education

Highest Degree/Diploma earned: When (month/year) _____

School/Institution name _____

Location (town/city) _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

List other languages you have studied below.

Language _____ Number of years studied _____

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Activities

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies, clubs) in which you participate, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

SHORT ESSAYS: *Please respond to the following short essay questions in one paragraph*

What motivates you to apply to this program? Why do you want to spend three weeks with teenagers from your country?

Describe a time and/or situation when you assumed a leadership role, if possible, with youth.

What do you find to be the most challenging thing about working with youth, and how have you dealt with it?

Discuss your commitment to continuing work in your country and your ideas for how your participation in this program will benefit your community.

Participant Agreement

I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in ALL program activities in the United States and Estonia, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities. I also understand that I must remain with the program throughout the entire exchange and that personal travel within the United States during the program is not permitted.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Reference

Applicant Name _____

For the Applicant: Please submit **one** reference with your application. The form should be from a supervisor, professor, or other professional colleague outside your family who knows you well. The form needs to be in English. You may submit this form with your application OR your reference can return the signed and completed form (pdf or jpg) to usasaatkond@state.gov Please do **not** send digitally signed documents.

For the Reference: The person named above is applying to take part in the Youth Leadership Program, a three-week exchange program in the United States for students and teachers or community leaders. The selected participants will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

- I strongly recommend this applicant
- I recommend this applicant
- I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- I do not recommend this applicant

How long, and in what context or capacity, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the professional or personal areas in which this applicant needs improvement?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to youth, peer relationships, responsibility, and work activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____