



U.S. MISSION TO VIETNAM

Announcement 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SEAYLP)

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam seeks candidates for the 2019 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP). Students in grades 10 and 11 at Vietnamese high schools who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities, and proficiency in English are invited to apply for the program. Up to five scholarships are available for Vietnamese students.

The application deadline is **11:59PM, Sunday, December 9, 2018.**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SEAYLP is an exchange program to advance the strategic goals of fostering civil society and good governance and cultivating a more cohesive Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) community identity by engaging promising young leaders. SEAYLP brings together high school students and adult mentors from the ten ASEAN member countries for a three-week U.S.-based exchange program, focused on leadership and youth development and to explore shared challenges faced by the United States and ASEAN member countries. Participants explore the three pillars of the ASEAN community: political and security cooperation, economic skills-building (through the exchange's project development), and socio-cultural leadership (through hands-on activities, workshops, seminars, and site visits to foster greater communication). The exchange will take place in April 2019 at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Participants are required to implement follow-on projects that serve the needs of their communities in the months that follow their return home.

Participant costs for program administration, international and domestic travel, housing, and food are covered by the U.S. Department of State.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

Selection will be based on leadership potential, excellence in academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities, without regard to their field of study, race, religion, or gender. This competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ Be 15 - 17 years of age and in grades 10-11 as of April 1, 2019;
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership qualities and potential in their school and/or communities;
- ❖ Demonstrate commitment to or interest in civic action and community service;
- ❖ Academic excellence;
- ❖ Exhibit an appropriate level of maturity, open-mindedness, and sociability within a group;
- ❖ Be proficient in English;
- ❖ Have permission from parents and schools to participate in the entire program.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Submission Requirements

Step 1: Complete application package includes:

1. Application form <https://bit.ly/2BZCvSz>;
2. Official transcripts for high school years.

Step 2: Combine these two documents into one PDF file

Step 3: Submit it online through:

Eligible candidates from Quang Tri province and to the north are requested to submit their complete application package online at <https://bit.ly/2RszvmS>, and send any questions to:

Public Affairs Section
United States Embassy
Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
7 Lang Ha Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi
Tel: 84-24-3850 5000, ext. 6034
Email: pas.culture@gmail.com

Eligible candidates from Thua Thien-Hue province and to the south are requested to submit their complete application package online at <https://bit.ly/2PevzVo>, and send any questions to:

Public Affairs Section
United States Consulate General
Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program
4 Le Duan Street, District 1
Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: 84-28-3520-4657
Email: lemuontk@state.gov

Application Deadline

The application deadline is **11:59PM, Sunday, December 9, 2018**. No exceptions will be made regarding the deadline.