

On-Demand Youth Leadership Program Application - Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

How do I know if I am eligible?

- Be between the ages of 15 and 18 by the start of the program.
- Be a citizen of and currently living in the participating country.
- Have at least one semester of secondary school left post-program.
- Be proficient in English
- Commit to a three-month follow-on project in your community
- Show interest and engagement in program theme
- Have permission from parents/legal guardians to participate

I am [n] age / born on [date]. Am I eligible?

As shown in our eligibility requirements, if you are between the ages of 15 and 18 by the start of the program and fulfill the other criteria, you can apply.

I am from the participating country listed but I live/go to school in another country. Am I eligible?

As shown in our eligibility requirements, eligible applicants need to be both citizens *and* living (i.e going to school) in the participating country they are applying from at the time of the exchange.

I am a dual citizen with the US and another country. Am I eligible?

Dual citizens may **not** apply. As shown in our eligibility requirements, applicants must meet U.S. J-1 visa eligibility requirements (for instance, U.S. citizens are not eligible for J-1 visa).

Why is my country not included?

The On-Demand Youth Leadership Program hosts two cohorts per year and specific countries are selected to participate in each cohort. Please check back in four to six months to see if your country is added.

I am graduating from high school right before or right after the exchange dates. Am I eligible?

As shown in our eligibility requirements, you need to have **at least** one additional semester of secondary school (or at the same school) upon your return to your home country after the exchange.

If your estimated graduation date from secondary school is more than a semester away from when the exchange ends in the USA, we encourage you to apply.

Do I need to know English to apply for the program?

Yes. The application must be written in English. A strong grasp of English is necessary to participate in the program, as the workshops and the entire experience is in English. No translation is available.

Do I need to have a valid passport to apply?

No, you do not need to have a passport to apply. If accepted you must act quickly to obtain a passport. The program will help support costs if you are a finalist.

Submitting the application**What if I don't know my graduation date (yet)? What should I put in the application?**

We encourage you to enter your best estimate of your graduation date.

How can I submit a strong application?

- Don't wait until the last minute to apply!
- Complete your answers in a second document, carefully review, then submit in the portal.
- Respond to all questions in English
- For adults - Make sure you have added your resume in the right file type (e.g. .pdf, .jpg, etc.)

Why is there a word count suggestion on the application?

In order to be competitive, look at the suggested word count. Answers that are too short or too long are not scored well. Try to answer with depth and be succinct,

When will I hear back about my application?

Applicants will be notified of their status and next steps approximately one month after the deadline.

How will I be notified?

All applicants will be notified of their status via email.

I want to edit my application, but I've already submitted it – how can I go back?

Unfortunately, there is no way to edit your application after you have submitted it. We only accept documents submitted via the application portal.

More information about the program

What is the typical day like?

The 22 day experience is very full. Here's what a typical day during the program looks like:

- 7 AM: Wake up
- 7:30 AM: Breakfast
- 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM: workshops, site visits
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM: Lunch
- 2:15 - 4:45 PM: Afternoon workshop
- 4:45 - 5:30 PM: Daily debrief
- 5:30 PM: Transit to host family or when in Washington DC - time to rest at hotel
- 7:00-9:00 PM: Evening activity with host family or as a group
- 11:00 PM: Lights out!

How do I learn more about the ODYLP experience?

Check out this [video](#). We also share perspectives on our [instagram account](#).

What is a Community Action Project?

A community action project (CAP) is a community-based project that each participant will complete upon returning home after the program. The goal of these projects is for participants to share the knowledge they learned during the program and teach others in their community. You can read about Clean Energy projects [here](#).

For Parents

What is supervision like?

Participants will be supervised 24 hours a day. An environment will be created to address problems and concerns swiftly. Staff will assist youths with cultural adjustments, mentor and counsel as needed. Staff are First Aid and CPR certified and will assist with any health care needs in addition to providing credible mental health resources to support any participants if necessary.

How can my child maintain other obligations during the program?

ODYLP is a fast-paced program and full of many cultural adjustments. We understand that teenagers are busy with various activities, but given the intensity we ask that other commitments (homework,, club memberships, etc) take a back-burner to allow participants to be fully present. It is common for the ODYLP activities to be held during the school year to enable us to interact with US high schools in session. Legacy and the US Embassy are happy to write school officials to explain the high quality educational experience to school administrators to gain permission to leave school.

What costs are covered by the program?

The US Government covers the cost of the following:

- Visa Fee
- Round trip international airfare from participant home country to the United States
- Housing during program
- Double occupancy dormitory accommodations
- Meals during program - Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Local transportation to group program events
- Cultural events organized by Legacy International
- Emergency health insurance

If you still have questions, email us at ylpapplication@legacyintl.org.

Tech issues

I forgot my username. What should I do?

Please try using your email as your username and use the "forget password" function.

I'm dealing with [unclear tech issue]. What should I do?

Please send a picture or screenshot of the issue / error you receive to ylpapplication@legacyintl.org

I've tried to register but I keep seeing "name not registered". What should I do?

Please follow the video on the [application instructions](#) page of our website and create a new account using your own personal email. We hope this helps!