  

**Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program**

**Student Application**

**Program Description:**  The Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP) is a four-week virtual exchange for high school students and adult mentors. The primary program themes are civic education, community service, entrepreneurship, and youth leadership development. Through a virtual platform, participants will directly engage with U.S. host communities to take part in leadership and civic education workshops, visit U.S. community organizations, explore project planning and development, and participate in cultural and community building activities. The program will bring participants together virtually for live synchronous sessions two days a week. Participants will complete asynchronous content and activities independently in between synchronous sessions. Assistance with internet access and devices required to participate in the program is available.

**Eligibility requirements:**

* Be a citizen or legal resident living in [Country] (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered)
* Be between 15 and 18 years old on the start date of the exchange;
* Have proficiency in English;
* Demonstrate good academic performance, an interest in community service and volunteer activities, leadership potential, good communication, and a positive attitude;
* Work cooperatively in a team setting and appreciate the opinions of others;
* Have permission from parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to participate in the program.

We encourage people with disabilities and from other diverse backgrounds to apply. Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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**Application Deadline:** [Month, Day, Year]

**Applications should be submitted to:** [Contact Information]

**Questions should be addressed to:** [Contact Information]

 **Instructions for completing this application:** Fill out the application and answer all questions carefully and completely. 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 or telephone] interview.

**There is no application fee and no fee to participate in the program.**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address (if different you’re your current address):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Mobile Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Age at the time of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship or Permanent Legal Residence\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dual citizenship? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, indicate countries where you are a dual citizen: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: [ ] Male [ ] Female [ ] Other/Prefer to Self-Describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in an exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State?[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, provide the name of the program and date you participated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

*\*\*Your parent or guardian must sign the application at the end\*\**

**Parent/Guardian 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Guardian 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

*It is the goal of the Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program and its partners to ensure the full and equal participation of everybody regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, disability, or otherwise. It is our policy to make necessary, reasonable accommodations to ensure that our programs are accessible.*

Would you require a reasonable accommodation, as a result of a physical or mental impairment, to enable you to access the full benefit of this program? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, use this space below to describe accommodations that could support you on program:

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**EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES**

School name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Current grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Month and year you will graduate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Academic subjects you are most interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Future studies and/or possible occupations you’ve considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all extracurricular or volunteer activities you currently take part in. Include how long you have been involved with each, and any awards or honors.

Examples: school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, community service activities, leisure time activities.

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**LANGUAGE**

What is your native (maternal) language? If you are bilingual, please list both of your native/maternal languages\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List other languages you have studied below.

 Language\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Number of years studied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Language\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Number of years studied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

What motivates you to apply to the Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program? How will your participation in the program help you address the issues currently facing your community?

In what ways are you an effective leader? Describe how you are a leader in your school, community, or home.

During this exchange, participants will act as ambassadors for their countries. What qualities do you have that would help you fulfill this role?

Upon completion of the program, you are asked to implement a community service project individually or in a small group. What idea(s) do you have for a project that would improve your community?

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT/PARENTAL CONSENT**

By signing below, I verify that all the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in ALL program activities including follow-on activities.

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Applicant Signature Date

I permit my child to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program.

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Parent/Guardian 1 signature(s) Date

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Parent/Guardian 2 signature(s) Date

**REFERENCE FOR THE PAN AFRICA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For the Applicant:** Please submit [one/two] references with your application. The forms should be from a teacher [and/or] adult leader at an organization where you have volunteered or held a position of leadership or active membership, or other adult outside your family who knows you well. The form [does / not] need to be in English. You may submit this form in paper with your application OR your reference can return the signed and completed form to [CONTACT INFORMATION].

**For the Reference:** The student named above is applying to take part in the Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program, a four-week virtual exchange program with the United States. The selected students 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 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 student

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this student

\_\_\_\_\_ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this student

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

What are the applicant’s strengths?

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

Please describe the applicant’s behavior or attitude with respect to authority, peer relationships, responsibility, and work activities.

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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