

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY HANOI
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2016 SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SEAYLP)**

U.S. Embassy Hanoi's Public Affairs Section (PAS) seeks candidates for the 2016 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 **5:00 PM, Monday, December 28, 2015**.

Program Overview

SEAYLP is an exchange program to promote leadership, civic responsibility, volunteerism and respect for diversity. SEAYLP brings together high school students and adult mentors from the ten ASEAN member countries in a three-week, U.S.-based exchange focused on leadership and youth development. In addition, the program will focus on shared challenges the United States and ASEAN face in the 21st century, and will include site visits, workshops, homestays, and a study tour. SEAYLP strengthens people-to-people ties between the United States and Southeast Asia, engages young leaders, and cultivates the ASEAN community. Hosted by Northern Illinois University (NIU), the exchange will take place in April 2016. 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;
- ❖ demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their school and/or communities;
- ❖ be strong academically;
- ❖ 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.

How to apply

A complete application includes:

- ❖ Complete application form (to be submitted online at <https://goo.gl/qLZFBP>)
- ❖ Shortlisted candidates will be asked to bring original copies of supporting documents (certificates, degrees, academic records, etc.) to the interviews.

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