

September 22, 2014

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROGRAM

**To: Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Secondary School Heads**

1. Attached is an Unnumbered Regional Memorandum, dated September 12, 2014, entitled, "**Call for Applications for Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program.**"
2. Dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
REGION VII, CENTRAL VISAYAS
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



MEMORANDUM

TO : Schools Division Superintendent
Officers-in-Charge of Regular and Interim Divisions


SUBJECT : **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH
EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROGRAM**

DATE : September 12, 2014

Attached is an Unnumbered Memorandum from Undersecretary Rizalino D. Rivera, re "Call for Applications for Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program", which is self-explanatory.

For details, refer to the attached Memorandum.

For dissemination.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY
FOR REGIONAL OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH
EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROGRAM 2015 - 2016**

DATE: 4 September 2014

American Field Service (AFS) Intercultural Programs is the oldest and largest volunteer-driven organization for high school intercultural exchanges worldwide.

Since 1956, AFS Philippines has sent OVER 2,000 Filipino learners abroad and in return over 850 foreign students have come to the Philippines – to live with a host family and study in a host school for a year on AFS exchange programs.

This year, AFS Philippines is once again searching for qualified candidates – high school students – to go on an intercultural learning opportunity with the **Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program**.

Attached are the Kenney Youth Exchange and Study Program Brief and Call for Applications.

For your dissemination. Thank you very much.


RIZALINO D. RIVERA
Undersecretary

RegOps/Magno



Call for Applications!

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (K-L YES) Program 2015-16

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Unit 1807 18/F Antel Global Corporate Center,
No. 3 Dona Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center,
Pasig City, 1600 Philippines

AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the next cycle of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is one of the prominent U.S. government-funded exchange programs and is designed to expand communication between the people of the United States and partner countries with sizeable Muslim population in the interest of promoting mutual understanding and respect.

YES program offers full scholarship to high school students, including students with physical disabilities, in 39 countries. Students will live with host families, attend a U.S. high school, engage in activities to learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, and help educate Americans about their countries and cultures. K-L YES is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – US Department of State, in partnership with lead grantee American Councils for International Education and AFS-USA consortium.

The goals of the program are:

- to promote a better understanding among youth from selected YES countries about American society, people, institutions, values, and culture;
- foster lasting personal ties;
- engage the exchange participants in activities that promote mutual understanding, respect for diversity, leadership skills, and an understanding of civil society during their exchange in the US;
- enhance Americans' understanding of foreign students' countries and cultures;
- increase the capacity of organizations in participating countries to engage youth in activities that enhance mutual understanding, respect for diversity, leadership skills, and an understanding of civil society through alumni activities.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Philippine citizen residing in the Philippines, at time of application, selection and preparation for travel; Birthdate must be between August 2, 1997 and August 1, 2000
2. Currently enrolled in a public/private high school and is among the top 25% of academic performance in grade level; graduating students are not eligible to apply
3. Demonstrated leadership potential in their schools and/or communities;
4. Have the equivalent of a B average or better without failing grades;
5. Have not completed more than 11 years of primary education nor received a high school diploma by the start of the program;
6. Demonstrated sufficient English language ability to speak and study in English;
7. Students should be sufficiently healthy to participate;
8. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied in the US;
9. Commitment to cultural immersion in the US through a home-stay experience;
10. Ability to meet cross-cultural challenges with maturity, humor and open mind;
11. Plans for sharing their U.S. experience with their home and community upon return home
12. Persons With Disabilities (PWD) and Muslim students are highly encouraged to apply

K-L YES 2015-16 REQUIREMENTS:

1. Pre-Application Form; filled-up and with passport-size ID photo;
2. Photocopy of birth certificate (preferably issued by the National Statistics Office/NSO within 6 months of this application)
3. Photocopy of most recent Form 137 or transcript of records from Philippine high school;
4. 2 letters of recommendation from school principal and/or community/organization leader;
5. Photocopy of school ID or valid government ID;
6. (OPTIONAL) Photocopy of certificates of attendance/participation /recognition in seminars/workshops;
7. (OPTIONAL) Photocopy of certificates of membership in organizations;
8. Signed consent by either parent or legal guardian at the bottom of this form

SUBMISSION POLICY

All applications must be received by AFS PHI on or before August 29, 2014 (application deadline date) and must be sent to:

ATTN: SENDING PROGRAM
AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines
Unit 1607 16/F Antel Global Corporate Center
No. 3 Dona Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center
1600 Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Telefax: 02-5842002
Website: <http://www.afs.ph>
E-mail address: phi.sending@afs.org

(For those who need assistance in sending their application forms, AFS PHI will identify drop-off points near your areas and designate a contact person who will provide help. Further details will be announced in the coming days.)

NOTES:

1. All applications must be submitted to the AFS PHI office as printed copies; applications submitted online (via email) will not be honored.
2. Applicants must submit only photocopy of original documents, AFS IPP will not be responsible in sending back original copies
3. Applicants who have family members (father, mother, sister or brother) and cousins within the first degree who have participated in the previous ECA-DOS sponsored exchange programs are NOT qualified to participate in this program. This restriction applies as well to AFS IPP staff and board members up to the third degree.
4. AFS PHI will announce (and will notify) ONLY the semifinalists on the first week of September. Only semifinalists are invited to the interviews during the months of September and October.

The recruitment sessions run a whole day from 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM. Interested/ qualified (paper screening) applicants must dedicate the whole day for selection because several activities (orientations, panel interview, and group activities) will be covered at different times during the day. Lunch and snacks are not covered. Please bring your completed application form and documents listed above to one of the recruitment sessions listed below.

Interested applicants may email phi.sending@afs.org for more information or visit our website www.afs.ph to download the YES 2015-16 pre-application form and/or <http://manila.usembassy.gov/>.

Thank you very much and best wishes. We hope to receive your applicant's pre-application form and see them in the selection camp after passing the paper screening. Pre-applications for the YES Program will be accepted starting August 7, until August 29, 2014.

PRE-APPLICATION FORM 2014

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study (K-L YES)

Funded/ sponsored by:

In cooperation with:



Please attach
passport-sized
photo here



I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Complete name as appears in NSO birth certificate/passport: (Last / First / Middle)		Birthdate: (mm/dd/yyyy)		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Complete home/mailing address: (House No., Street, Barangay, City/Municipality, Province)				Region: ZIP Code:	
Home phone w/ area code, if any:		Mobile phone/s, if any:		Email/s, if any:	
Name of Father/Legal Guardian:			Name of Mother/Legal Guardian:		
Job/Occupation & Employer Name:			Job/Occupation & Employer Name:		
Work or Mobile Phone/s, if any:		Email/s, if any:		Work or Mobile Phone/s, if any:	
My Passport No. (if available):		My Passport issue date:		My Passport expiry date:	
Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Christianity <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Suff I am eligible to:		Foods I cannot eat:	
Family relative who has participated in an YES Program or other AFS exchange program: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have a relative who has participated in YES Program or AFS exchange program. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I don't have a relative who has participated in YES or other AFS exchange program.				City/Country issuing passport: PHILIPPINES	
If yes, name of relative:		Relationship:		Program Name/Destination:	
				Date/Month/Year of Departure:	

K-L YES Program: I learned about YES through:
 YES alumni AFS returnee/volunteer School Friends/relatives Internet Print (newspaper/brochure/poster) Other: _____

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Complete school mailing address: (House No., Street, Barangay, City/Municipality, Province)			Region:		Zip Code:	
Complete name of school principal/administrator:						
Telephone/s:		Fax:		Email/s:		Mobile Phone/s:
Year Level in June 2015 Enrollment:				Average grade in previous school year:		

III. K-L YES PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

K-L YES Program Overview:
 The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program was established by Congress in October, 2002 in response to the events of September 11, 2001. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of State and sponsored by the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs (ECA) to provide scholarships for high school students (15-17 years) from countries with significant Muslim populations to spend up to one academic year in the U.S.

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2. Currently enrolled in a public/private high school and is among the top 25% of academic performance in grade level; graduating students are not eligible to apply
3. Demonstrated leadership potential in their schools and/or communities;
4. Strong academic and social skills, openness and flexibility;
5. Good English language skills;
6. No previous significant travel to the U.S. on a U.S. government sponsored program
7. Persons With Disabilities (PWD) and Muslim students are highly encouraged to apply

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7. Signed consent by either parent or legal guardian at the bottom of this form

NOTE: Please submit only photocopy of original documents, AFS IPP will not be responsible in sending back original copies

This form is provided free of charge and may be photocopied / reproduced.
 YES alumni or AFS PH staff/volunteers DO NOT collect any fees from YES applicants or schools. For inquiries please email: phl.sendng@afe.org

CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT

I hereby certify that the above information on my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. I understand that any false information may cause my disqualification from the program.

If selected as grantee, I commit to participate actively in all the program activities before, during and after the YES Program 2015-16.

Signature over printed name of applicant

Date

Parent/guardian's consent for the applicant to participate in the program

Signature over printed name of
father/guardian

Signature over printed name of
mother/guardian

Date

Date

SUBMISSION POLICY

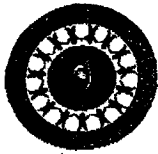
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5. For any inquiries and concerns re: YES Program application, etc. please send an email to AFS, Email: phi.sending@afs.org; Subject: YES 2015-16 Inquiry



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Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team 7 (RPRAT 7)

NOTICE OF 3RD QUARTER RPRAT MEETING

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPATING LINE AGENCIES OF THE GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS (GPBP)

- ✓1. Department of Agriculture 7
- ✓2. Department of Agrarian Reform 7
- ✓3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources 7
- ✓4. Department of Health 7
- 5. Department of Education 7
- ✓6. Department of Labor and Employment 7
- 7. Department of Energy 7
- 8. Department of Social Welfare and Development 7
- 9. Department of Trade and Industry 7
- 10. Department of Tourism 7
- 11. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority 7
- 12. National Electrification Administration (NEA)
- 13. National Irrigation Administration (NIA)
- 14. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
- 15. PHILHEALTH 7

VENUE ADVISORY is hereby given for the 3rd Quarter RPRAT, with details to wit:

Date : 12 September 2014
Time : 8:30AM to 3:00PM
Venue : Cityscape Hotel (Ayala Access Road cor. Hernan Cortes St., Subangdaku, Mandaue City, 6014 Cebu)

In view of the foregoing, please send two (2) representatives from your agency preferably the Regional Director and the designated GPB focal person.

For your information.

BY:

[Signature]
RD ANANIAS M. VILLACORTA, CESO III
 Chairperson, RPRAT 7

CONFIRMATION SLIP:

(Pls. fax to (032) 2535473, DILGRO7, ATTN: Ms. Corina C. Balansag, GPBP Focal Person)

Name: _____

I am attending.

I regret I cannot attend.

Will arrive on: _____

Reason: _____

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NOTICE OF 3RD QUARTER RPRAT MEETING

TO : ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION ACTION TEAM 7 (RPRAT 7) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- 1. RD Carmela Fernan - RPRAT 7 Vice Chairman (DBM 7)
- 2. RD Efren Carreon - RPRAT 7 Oversight Committee Member (NEDA 7)
- 3. RD Mercedesita Jabagat - RPRAT 7 Oversight Committee Member (DSWD 7)

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In view of the foregoing, may we invite you to attend in the aforementioned activity. Should you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cynthia Baldado, Regional GPBP Team Member at telephone number (032) 2557730 or 2535479.

For your information.

BY:

[Signature]
ANANIAS M. VILLACORTA, CESO III
 Chairperson, RPRAT 7

CONFIRMATION SLIP:

(Pls. fax to (032) 2535473, DILGRO7, ATTN: Ms. Corina C. Balansag, GPBP Focal Person)

Name: _____

I am attending.

I regret I cannot attend.

Will arrive on: _____

Reason: _____

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