





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

### K-L YES Eligibility Criteria

#### **Students who meet the following criteria can apply using the Preliminary Applications:**

- Secondary school students in their home country who are currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Preferably students who have taken or will appear in the grade 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 'O' Levels examinations by August 1, 2012 and waiting for results.
- Minimum 15 years of age but not more than 17 years on August 1, 2012.
- Minimum grade "B" (60%) in all subjects in the last class attended; overall minimum 'B' average (60%) for the past three years.
- Minimum 60% in all subjects in the last examination before departure to the U.S.A. (The annual exams that will be held in 2012). Students will be required to send the mark sheets of the last examination when they receive the mark sheets.
- Excellent English language ability. Minimum "B" grade, (60%) in English during the past three years.
- Should not have traveled previously to the United States.
- Siblings should not have been on K-L YES Program.

#### **Students who meet the following in addition to the above criteria are likely to be short listed for the final competitions.**

- Should score 50 or higher on the SLEP (Secondary Level English Proficiency) test (equivalent to 480 or higher in the Institutional Testing Program "Institutional TOEFL" exam).
- Knows and practices Pakistani culture and values, and able to represent the same in U.S schools and communities.
- Demonstrate maturity, flexibility, adaptability, good character and scholastic aptitude.
- Willingness to participate in host family's daily life.
- Record of all necessary immunizations, as outlined in the Student Application, before arriving in the U.S.
- Should demonstrate flexibility and a commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding.
- Agreement to attend classes as a full-time student and maintain at least a 'B' Grade average in an American high school.
- Willingness and agreement to abide by the K-L YES Student Rules' as outlined in the K-L YES Student Application and all other rules and policies during the program.

### Application and Selection Process for K-L YES 2012-2013

Students who fulfill the Eligibility Criteria and agree to the Parent Student Agreement and General Program Rules (Please visit the website [www.iearnpk.org/yespk.htm](http://www.iearnpk.org/yespk.htm)) can apply for the scholarship. **Female students, students with physical disabilities and students from non-elite and government schools who meet the criteria are strongly encouraged to apply.**

The interested students are encouraged to apply through their schools first. The iEARN Office sends K-L YES recruitment information packets to the iEARN partner schools and other interested schools. Students are first required to find out from their school administration if they have received the information.

Students who are eligible according to the Eligibility Criteria but their schools are not interested in participating in the K-L YES program can apply independently. They can download the Preliminary Application Form from the K-L YES website and submit via courier or mail along with all the required documents. **Please do not send any original or additional documents other than the ones mentioned in the application form. We do not return any documents submitted**

The participating schools/organizations must collect fully completed applications with all required documents from students and submit the applications and required documents to the iEARN office.

After the initial application evaluation, the short listed candidates will be invited to take the SLEP Test (Secondary Level English Proficiency Test). SLEP test will be organized in some of the major cities of Pakistan. Keep checking the announcement section of the iEARN Pakistan website ([www.iearnpk.org/yespk.htm](http://www.iearnpk.org/yespk.htm)) for updates and information for test dates.

Top scoring students in the SLEP Test would be short listed and interviewed by an 'Interview Committee'

Students who qualify the interviews will be asked to complete and submit the Final K-L YES application along with the required documents. After a final review and evaluation of the applications, the students who are selected as K-L YES finalists will be notified by a letter from the K-L YES Program Director.

The students finally selected would be enrolled in a compulsory 'Pre Departure Orientation' program during summer vacations prior to traveling to the USA. Parents, students and schools are invited to write to K-L YES Program Director for all questions and queries at [YES@iearnpk.org](mailto:YES@iearnpk.org)

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