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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO US DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED PROGRAM
KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY 2023–2024 CYCLE

The AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines Foundation Inc. (AFS IPPFI) and the US Embassy in the Philippines announce the opening of applications for 2023–2024 cycle of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program.

The program offers a full scholarship to high school students, including students with disabilities, in 51 countries. Students will live with a host family, attend a US high school, engage in activities to learn about American society and values, and acquire leadership skills.

The participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Between the ages of 15-18 (born between August 15, 2005 to August 15, 2008) by the start of program (August 15, 2023);
2. Enrolled in 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade at the time of application;
3. Have the equivalent of a B average or better without failing grades;
4. Meet the US J-1 visa eligibility requirements (for instance, US citizens are not eligible for J-1 visa);
5. Resident and citizen of the Philippines;
6. Have not spent a total of more than 90 days in the US in the last five years;
7. Preferably have a valid Philippine passport, and DSWD independent travel clearance (for minors) (Note: these documents may be submitted after being selected as finalist);
8. Among the top 25% of academic performance in grade level;

Important Note: All immediate family members of AFS Philippines-administered sponsored program scholars and alumni up to the first degree (by birth or by marriage), as well as AFS Philippines staff and board members up to the third degree (by birth or by marriage), are automatically disqualified from any of the full scholarship exchange programs.

The following are the instructions for Application:

1. Accomplish the YES Pre-Application Form for 2023-2024—download from www.afs.ph/yes-program;
2. Provide scanned copies of these documents,
 - a. most recent Form 137 or transcript of records of the participant's Philippine high school;
 - b. scanned copy of school ID or any government ID;
 - c. scanned copy of Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Birth Certificate;
 - d. signed consent by either a parent or legal guardian (Page 8 of YES Pre-Application Form); and
3. Send application via email on or before Friday, October 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to phi.YESprogram@afs.org with email subject and document name "YES 2023-2024/ Application_Surname_First Name" (Example: YES 2023-2024/ Application_DelaCruz_Juan)

Applicants may accomplish the YES Pre-Application Form either handwritten or typewritten.

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