

## **Call for Nominations: Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP), April 7-28, 2019**

The program supports U.S. foreign policy priorities by offering secondary school youth (ages 15-18) the opportunity to explore priority policy themes such as conflict resolution, economic development, entrepreneurship, civic education, youth leadership, women's rights, and respect for diversity. Through three-week, intensive exchanges in the United States, participants will engage in workshops on leadership and service, community site visits related to the program themes and subthemes, interactive training in conflict resolution, presentations, visits to high schools, local cultural activities, and homestays with American families. A key component of the program requires participants to develop follow-on community-based projects in their home communities to effect positive change after their return home.

The spring program (April 7-28, 2019) will be conducted solely in English and will take place at various colleges, universities, and institutions throughout the United States over the course of three weeks in April 2019.

### **Candidate Description and Qualifications:**

Participants should be secondary school students aged 15 to 18 years at the start of the exchange who have demonstrated their leadership potential through academic achievement, community involvement, and engagement in extracurricular activities and must have strong English skills.

A successful youth candidate for this program will:

- A. be a high school student who is aged 15, 16, 17 or 18 years at the starting of the exchange on April 7, 2019;
- B. be proficient in English;
- C. be able to attend at least one year of secondary school in Sudan following completion of the program;
- D. indicate a serious interest in learning more about the United States of America;
- E. demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in his/her school or community;
- F. have a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by academic grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- G. demonstrate a personal commitment to community service and record of engagement in extracurricular activities;
- H. have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Sudan;
- I. be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive; and
- J. be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive program, including community service events and an active educational travel program during the exchange, as well as in follow-on activities afterward in Sudan.

**Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP) 2019 Nomination Form:**  
**Email Nomination Form to [GibrielMA@state.gov](mailto:GibrielMA@state.gov) with (PAYLP) and your name in the subject line. Deadline is December 16, 2018.**

Full name as in your valid passport:

Date of birth as in passport:

Place of birth as in passport:

Country of birth as in passport:

Country of citizenship:

Passport number:

Passport expiry date:

Your email address:

Your mobile number

Your Father mobile number

Your mother mobile number

Any additional mobile number

Please mention any medical, dietary, personal health or physical considerations:

Have you previously studied or traveled to the United States: Yes or No.

Do you have family in the U.S.? If you answered yes to the question above, please provide relationship details, such as uncle, aunt, cousin, etc. City and State where the family member is located in the US:

**Personal Essay (Limit to 200 words)**

Please write an essay evidence of English proficiency to proof leadership role and service to your local community such as community-based projects.

The essay should be no more than 200 words and should convey why you are interested in participating in PAYLP, what you are expecting to gain and what you are foreseeing to contribute.

In your essay, please detail relevant coursework and/or voluntary activities related to your community.

Please send your Application Form to [GibrielMA@state.gov](mailto:GibrielMA@state.gov) with (PAYLP) and your name in the email subject line.

If you have a valid passport beyond November 1, 2019, please forward a scan.

Deadline to send your Application Form is December 16, 2018.