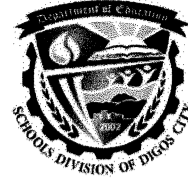




Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION
REGION XI
Schools Division of Digos City
City of Digos



October 14, 2016

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 607, s.2016

**PRE-APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED
PROGRAM-KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY
PROGRAM**

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
Digos City SHS Stand-Alone

1. Attached are the copies of the Regional Memorandum Number 287 series 2016 dated October 12, 2016 from Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO III, Regional Director and the invitation-letter from AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines and U.S. Embassy Philippines dated September 26, 2016, inviting public and private junior or senior high school students for the **Pre-Application to U.S. Department of State Sponsored Program-Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program**.
2. The details of the said program are in the enclosure.
3. Dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

DEE D. SILVA, DPA, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

For and in the absence of:

EMMANUEL P. HUGO
Chief, Education Supervisor
School Governance & Operations Division

DepEd Schools Division of Digos

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October 12, 2016

Regional Memorandum
No. 287, s. 2016

PRE-APPLICATION TO U.S DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED
PROGRAM- KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY
PROGRAM

To : Schools Division Superintendents/
OIC- Schools Division Superintendents

1. Relative to the invitation letter from the AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines and U.S Embassy Philippines, this Office announces the pre-application to U.S Department of State Sponsored Program- Kennedy- Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program to public and private junior or senior high school students on or before October 20, 2016.
2. For those students who need assistance in sending their application forms, there are drop-off points and designated contact person to help, collect and send said application. Deadline for submission of applications to drop off points is October 14, 2016.
3. Further details are in the enclosures.
4. Dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

[Signature]
ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO III
Regional Director

Incl: As stated

TO BE INDICATED IN THE PERPETUAL INDEX UNDER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED PROGRAM
KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE & STUDY (K-L YES) PROGRAM 2017-18**

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DATE: September 26, 2016

TO: ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE
Regional Director, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Region XI

FROM: AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS PHILIPPINES & U.S. EMBASSY PHILIPPINES

RE: CALL FOR PRE-APPLICATIONS TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED PROGRAM- KENNEDY- LUGAR
YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY (K-L YES) PROGRAM

CALL FOR PRE- APPLICATIONS TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPONSORED PROGRAM-
KENNEDY- LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY (K-L YES) PROGRAM 2017-2018

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AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines and U.S. Embassy Philippines are pleased to announce the opening of applications for the next cycle of the U.S. Department of State Sponsored Program: Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program (2017-18 batch). 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 51 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. The YES program is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - U.S. Department of State, in partnership with lead grantee American Councils for International Education and YES program 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 U.S.;
- enhance Americans' understanding of foreign students' countries and cultures;

AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines
3rd Flr. 1601 16th Avenue, Corporate Center
No. 3, Grand Plaza, Valenzuela Avenue, Ortigas Center,
1600 Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Website: www.afsphilippines.org Email: info@afsphilippines.org

- 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, 1999 and August 1, 2002.
2. Currently enrolled in a public/private junior or senior high school and is among the top 25% of academic performance in grade level; graduating senior high school (Grade 12) 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 (senior high school) 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 U.S.;
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-1 YES 2017-18 REQUIREMENTS

1. Pre-Application Form; filled-up and with passport-size ID photo;
2. Photocopy of most recent Form 137 or transcript of records from Philippine high school;
3. Photocopy of school ID; or valid government ID
4. Signed consent by either parent or legal guardian at the bottom of this form

SUBMISSION POLICY

All applications must be sent by mail and must be received by AFS PHL on or before October 20, 2016 (application deadline date- all documents must be in the AFS PHL office on or before the deadline) 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
 Telephone: 02-584-2002
 Website: <http://www.afs.ph>
 E-mail address: phi.sending@afs.org

For those who need assistance in sending their application forms, AFS Philippines and the U.S. Embassy Philippines have identified drop-off points near your areas and designated a contact person who will provide help, collect and send applications to AFS Philippines. Deadline for submission of applications to drop-off points is October 14, 2016. Please submit your application to our drop-off points or hand them to our local volunteers and alumni on or before October 14, 2016, 10:00am. Please feel free to contact them. Other applicants can send in their application package directly to AFS Philippines.

Tawi-Tawi	American Corner Tawi-Tawi, Mindanao State University	Mary Margaret D. Clariso (American Corner Tawi-Tawi Librarian)	0926533183	marymargaret_c@yahoo.com
		Aljemadin S. Jaudinez (AFS volunteer)	09477109046	Aljemadin.jaudinez@yahoo.com
		Medzfar U. Salahuddin (MIT instructor)	09330261860	Stredfaw.jaudinez@yahoo.com
		Fernin J. Hernia (AFS volunteer)	09207967560	helaya4@gmail.com
Jolo, Sulu	Tawi-Tawi School of Arts and Trade - Science Technology American Corner Jolo Sulu, Notre Dame of Jolo College	Arnold Catipay (American Corner Job Director)	09177755277	catipayCS@yahoo.com
		Fadmezhruya Abdurhajiid (USG-YES alum)	09752298606; 09261778948	zheabbdumajid@yahoo.com
		Artiana Jupakkai (USG-YES alum)	09355248268	artiana.jupakkai@gmail.com
Basilan	Sunset Elementary School, Isabela	Satra Kani Jupakkai (AFS volunteer)	09176235530	
		Basilan National High School	Al-Hada Basasuddin (USG-YES alum)	09361175047
		Sahayan Hartien (USG - YES alum)	09354732703	hartien.sahayan2@gmail.com

	Lamitan National High School	alum)	Jay-R Sakar (AFS volunteer)	09752688221	jay22_2006@yahoo.com
Zamboanga City	American Corner, Ateneo de Zamboanga University		Lynnie Calingacion (American Corner Zamboanga Director)	09182739997	lynnie_calingacion@gmail.com
			Shareen Hayudini (USG-YES alum)	09399919749	shareehayudin@gmail.com
Iligan City	Zamboanga National High School, West KASAMA Office - MSU-IT		Angelina Omar (AFS Educational Volunteer)	09268271666	Angelina.omar@afs.org
			Johnson Badawi (USG-YES alum)	09054976547	johnsonbadawi@gmail.com
Marawi City	American Corner, Mindanao State University College of Business Administration and Accountancy, MSU USG Office, RC- AKIC		Juhary Mustapha (USG-YES alum)	09956307374	mustaphajuhary@yahoo.com
			Marcelito Buenafe (American Corner Marawi Librarian)	09752839559	marbuenafe2002@yahoo.com
			Sitte Ayeenah Arindig (USG-alum)	09156201422	Arndigsitteayeena@yahoo.com.ph
General Santos City	City Social Welfare and Development Office, Roxas East Avenue, General Santos Buayan National High School		Muhammad Jamshedd Abdig (USG-PYLP alum)	09155001225	jamsheddabdi@gmail.com
			Khayriyyah Faykha Ala (USG-alum)	09176074917	ala_khayriyahfaykha@gmail.com
			Hadja Sulb Odoya (AFS volunteer)	09234154292	janq_odoya@yahoo.com
			Norajin Joy Ramos (AFS volunteer)	09232722107	norajinjoyramos@gmail.com
Colabato City	MSU - CETD American Corner, Notre Dame		Jinky Bibal (High School Principal)	09177052984	
			Sonia dela Cruz (American)	(064) 421 9942/421	sonia_nd@yahoo.com

	University	Comer Cotabato Director	2698 loc 525 09193390551 09263741069	
Brooker's Point, Palawan	STI College Cotabato	Benjamin Abubakar (USG-YES alum)		afsbey@gmail.com
	Cotabato City National High School- Main Campus	Ryenne Pasawilan (USG - YES alum)	09750897417	ryenne.gulati1999@gmail.com
	Palawan State University- Brooke's Point Campus	Aliyah Czarielle Mantawil (USG - YES alum)	09979480994	mantawilaliahczarielle@gmail.com
Davao City	Abueg National High School	Muhsin Ibrahim III (USG-YES alum)	09066348360	ibrahimmuhsiniii@yahoo.com
	American Corner, Ateneo de Davao University	Estelita Villanueva (School Principal)	09054178839	
	Sirawan National High School	Frezlie Fajardo (Director of Libraries)	(082) 221 2411 loc 8207	fajardo@adddu.edu.ph
Metro Manila	AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines	Suhura Del Monte (School Librarian)	09153589946	
		Rufus Thomas Adducul (USG-YES alum)	09178054220	rufusaducul@gmail.com

NOTES:

1. All applications must be submitted to the AFS PHI office as physical copies; there will be no online submission of applications.
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 starting by the last week of October. Only semifinalists are invited to the interviews during the months of October to December.

Interested applicants may email phi.sending@afs.org for more information or visit our website www.afs.ph to download the YES 2017-18 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 September 26, until October 20, 2016.

<p>PRE-APPLICATION FORM 2017-18 Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study (K-L YES) Sponsored by: In cooperation with:</p>	<p>Please attach passport-sized photo here</p>	
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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/mauling 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:	Email/s, if any:
My Passport No. (if available):	My Passport issue date:	My Passport expiry date:	City/Country issuing passport: PHILIPPINES
Nation: <input type="checkbox"/> Christianity <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Ethnic background, if applicable:	Food / dietary eat / Allergies:	Native/Foreign languages spoken:
Participated 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.			No. of My Siblings (brothers/sisters):
If yes, name of relative:	Relationship:	Program Name/Destination:	Date/Month/Year of Departure:
K-L YES Program: I learned about YES through: <input type="checkbox"/> YES alumni <input type="checkbox"/> AFS returnee/volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/relatives <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Print (newspaper/brochure/poster) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION			
Complete school name:			
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 Academic Year 2016-17:		Final Average grade in Academic Year 2016-18	

<p>III. K-L YES PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Philippine citizen residing in the Philippines, at time of application, selection and preparation for travel; Birthdate must be between August 2, 1990 and August 1, 2002; 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; Demonstrated leadership potential in their schools and/or communities; Strong academic and social skills, openness and flexibility; Good English language skills; No previous significant travel to the U.S. on a U.S. government sponsored program; Persons With Disabilities (PWD) and Muslim students are highly encouraged to apply.</p>	<p>K-L YES 2017-18 REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-Application Form, filled-up and with passport-size ID photo; 2. Photocopy of most recent Form 137 or transcript of records from Philippine high school; 3. Photocopy of school ID, or valid government ID; 4. Signed consent by either parent or legal guardian at the bottom of this Form; 5. Photocopy of NSO Certified Birth Certificate, if available. <p><i>NOTE: Please submit only photocopy of original documents, AFS PP will not be responsible in sending back original copies.</i></p>
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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 2017-18.

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

Date

Signature over printed name of mother/guardian

Date

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