

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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- Do you want to contribute to intercultural communication and understanding?
- Do you believe that education can foster political and economic development in the republics of the former Soviet Union, Afghanistan, and Southeastern Europe?
- Do you want to learn about these cultures through the eyes of its young people?

American Councils for International Education is seeking volunteers to evaluate scholarship applications of high school students from Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine. Evaluation of applications will take place from November 2008 through March 2009. Training and reading will take place in our offices at Dupont Circle.



Funding for these programs is provided by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State. ECA fosters mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through exchange programs and institutional partnerships.

Youth exchange has been recognized by many as an important component of U.S. public diplomacy and foreign policy. The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) program was initiated in 1992 by the U.S. Congress to develop closer relations with the emerging countries of the former Soviet Union, and to provide the youth of these countries with a cross-cultural living experience and the opportunity to learn about our society and government. Based on FLEX's success, Congress and the U.S. Department of State created the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program to improve understanding between the U.S. and Muslim countries, and the A-SMYLE program to promote youth leadership in Southeastern Europe. All of these programs provide high school students with the opportunity to attend a U.S. high school for an academic year, and live with a host family. Since the programs' inception, more than 19,000 students have received scholarships to participate in these initiatives.

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