



World Youth Movement for Democracy

Hurford Youth Fellows Program

- *Building Young Activists' Leadership Skills* -

APPLICANT FORM

August – December 2015

February – June 2016

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

We strongly encourage applicants to submit their applications online at: <http://democratic-youth.net/world-youth-movement-for-democracy/apply-for-hurford-youth-fellows-program/>

For applicants without access to the Internet: please submit a copy of your application (this form) via email to youthfellows@ned.org. Please also be sure to attach your **résumé or curriculum vitae**.

You are also required to have two letters of recommendation. **In addition to your application materials, please ask your referees to send letters of recommendation via email to youthfellows@ned.org.** Please note that your letters of recommendation must be sent directly to the program by the individual referees.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 27 April 2015

Please refer to the Information Booklet and Application Guidelines for instructions on completing your application.

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— Part 1: Personal Information —

I. Applicant Data *(Please type or print clearly in English on the lines provided):*

Dr./Mr./Ms./Prof. First/Given Name Middle Name FAMILY NAME/SURNAME

Citizenship Date of Birth *(month/day/year)* Gender

Current Job Title Department Institution

Work Address Suite No.

City State/Country Zip/Postal code

Home Address Apt. No.

City State/Country Zip/Postal code

Home Phone *(including country and city codes)* Office Phone

Cellular/Mobile Phone Email

Preferred Mailing Address: Home Work

Fellowship Session: August 1, 2015 – December 1, 2015
 February 1, 2016 – June 1, 2016

A working knowledge of English is a prerequisite for participation in the program. Please indicate your level of fluency in English (excellent, good, fair, or poor) for each of the following:

Speaking: _____ Reading: _____ Writing: _____

Native Language:

Do you know any additional languages? Please indicate your level of fluency in each.

Do you or any organization you have been affiliated with receive funding from the NED or its core institutes (NDI, IRI, CIPE, and Solidarity Center)? *An affiliation with organizations receiving NED support does **not** negatively affect fellowship opportunities.*

Yes _____ No
Name of organization and date(s) of grant(s)

Have you participated in an exchange program in the United States on a J-1 visa in the past two years, and if so, when?

Yes Dates: _____ Category: _____
(for e.g., J-1 Research Scholar, Specialist)

No

Please list any other fellowship programs to which you have or are currently applying for the coming year:

Do you have a profile on the World Youth Movement for Democracy's website (<http://democratic-youth.net/world-youth-movement-for-democracy/join-the-movement/>)?

Yes

No If not, please do so before submitting this application.

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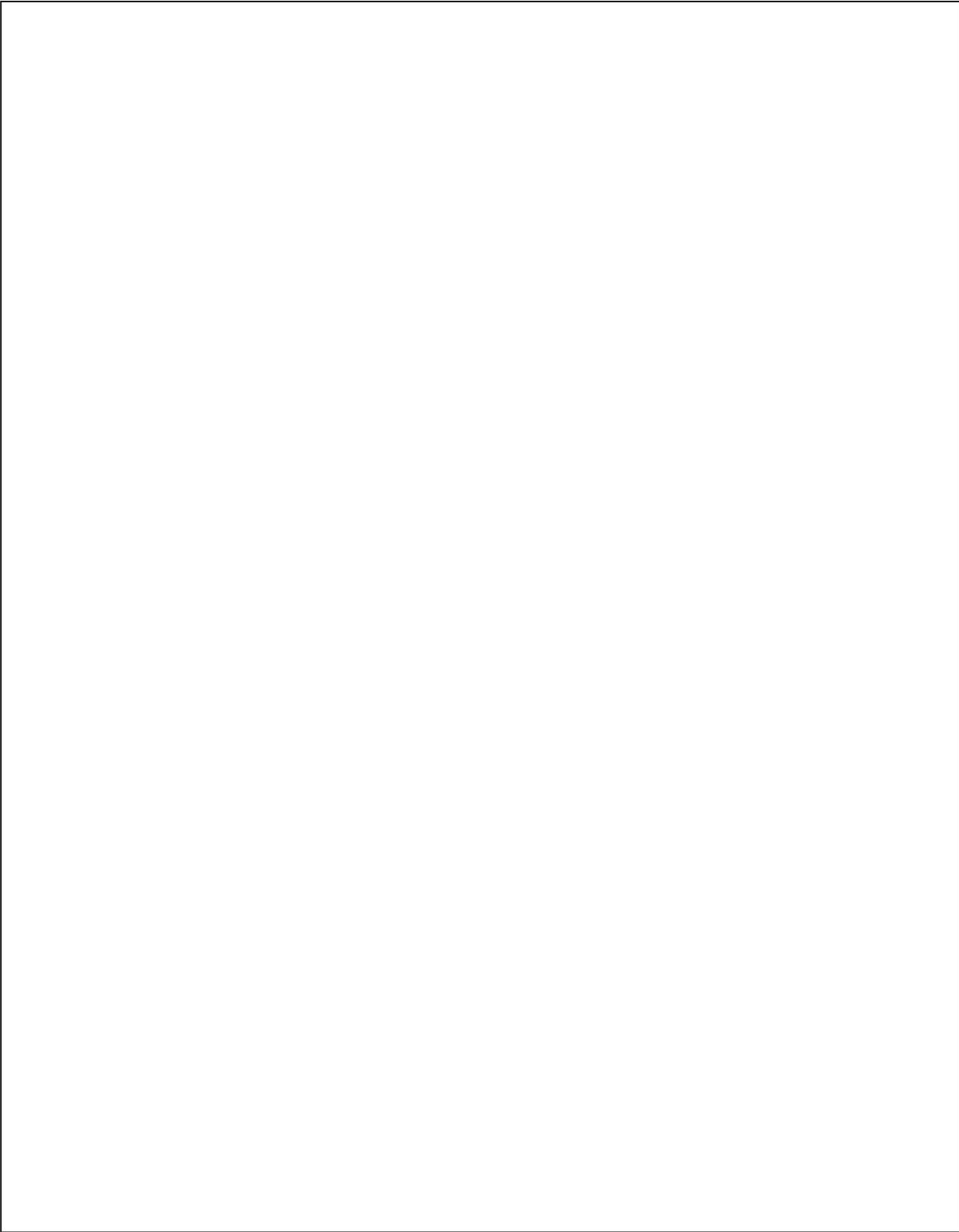
— Part 2: Proposal —

II., 1. Proposed Outline of Online Discussions: The primary component of the Hurford Youth Fellowship program is to organize **three online discussions** with participants from around the world, as well as compile topic-related materials for the viewers of these discussions. Fellows are responsible for selecting the overall theme and topics of their online discussions. Please see the Information Booklet and Application Guidelines available at www.wymdonline.org for detailed information on the fellowship.

Please be sure to include the following information in your response:

- What is your proposed theme for the online discussion series?
- What are three specific discussion topics or questions under your theme?
- How would you conduct research and develop information materials that could be used for the online discussion?

(500-word limit)



II., 2. Plan for Developing the World Youth Movement: We expect Hurford Youth Fellows to continue their engagement with the Secretariat after completing their fellowship. Hurford Youth Fellows serve as a liaison between World Youth Movement participants in their countries to fellow participants around the world.

In this section, **please outline three activities** you plan to carry out in your country upon completing the fellowship. Activities should focus not only on your country or community, but also on exchanging ideas and facilitating international collaborations. In addition, please demonstrate how your online discussions and in-person meetings in Washington will help you develop the World Youth Movement’s presence in your country.

(300-word limit)

II., 3. Outline of Proposed Professional Development Activities: Hurford Youth Fellows are given the opportunity to arrange meetings with professionals in the Washington, DC metro area who work for non-profit organizations, the U.S. federal government, universities, and multi-lateral institutions. Previous Hurford Youth Fellows have met with officials at the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, international NGOs, and local universities.

Please describe how you plan to benefit from your time in Washington, DC by outlining the organizations you would like to visit, as well as any professional development activities in the area that may help you be more successful in executing your organization's work.

(300-word limit)

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— Part 3: Curriculum Vitae & Biography —

III. Résumé or Curriculum Vitae: Please attach a current résumé or curriculum vitae in a separate document.

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— Part 4: Letters of Recommendation—

IV. Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required of all applicants. Letters should be type-written and in English (or accompanied by an English translation). For referee instructions, see the next page.

Please list the names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of those writing recommendation letters for you:

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| First Referee's Name | Institutional Affiliation/Title | Email Address |
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| Second Referee's Name | Institutional Affiliation/Title | Email Address |
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I certify that the statements made in this application are true, original, and complete to the best of my knowledge, that I am not delinquent in repaying any U.S. federal debt, and that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance while conducting any fellowship activity. If awarded a Hurford Youth Fellowship, I certify that I will abide by the rules and policies of the fellowship program, including maintaining valid legal status, fulfilling tax and visa obligations, and meeting Hurford Youth Fellowship project requirements.

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| Name of Applicant | Date |
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Please fill the following information and send it to your referees. This form must be attached to their letter of recommendation. This sheet can also be found as a separate document on the World Youth Movement for Democracy website.

Applicant first name: _____

Applicant last name: _____

Applicant email address: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFEREES

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for an applicant to the Hurford Youth Fellows Program at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). Your frank appraisal of the applicant and his or her fellowship project proposal will greatly help us in our selection process. For more information on the Hurford Youth Fellows Program, please go to www.wymdonline.org.

We would greatly appreciate your candid comments on the following:

- The length of time and context in which you have known the applicant
- Your opinion of his or her background, qualifications, accomplishments, and experiences
- Your appraisal of the proposed project and the applicant's ability to complete it on time
- Your views on the suitability of the applicant and his/her project to the Hurford Youth Fellows Program
- Any other information you feel is important to share concerning the candidate

Submit your letter of recommendation: Please send your letter of recommendation via email to youthfellows@ned.org. Letters of recommendation must be submitted in English or accompanied by an English translation. Please format your letter in MS Word Document (.doc) or Adobe PDF (.pdf). Please note that your letter of recommendation should **NOT** be shared with the applicant.

Deadline: The deadline to submit your letter of recommendation is **27 April, 2015**.

For questions or further information, please contact:

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