



The U.S Embassy Algiers announces...
The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)
MEPI STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM



What is the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

- It is a fully-funded five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students.
- Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, exploring U.S. history and culture to expand their leadership skills and knowledge.
- The Program consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional homestays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers, and other cultural activities.
- The program runs from **June 29th, 2010 for five weeks**. It includes a four-week academic residency program at a U.S. university or college, and a one-week educational study tour within the host university's geographical region.
- Students also participate in an alumni conference held in the Middle East or North Africa in early 2011.
- The program is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.

Can I apply for the MEPI Youth Summer Leadership Institute?

Yes you can if...

- You are an Algerian citizen, living in Algeria, and attending school in Algeria
- You are currently in your **first year** or **second year** or **third year** of college or university (excluding orientation year)
- You will be 20 to 24 years old as of June 1, 2010
- You are proficient in English
- You have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful
- You have a strong interest in learning about the United States.
- You are comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of your country

How do I apply?

Application Information

- Download the application from http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html
- **Deadline to turn in the application is at 1630 07th February 2010**
 - can be hand-delivered or submitted electronically to bouhidelh@state.gov
 - can also be faxed to **021 60 73 35**

Finalists

- will be invited to an interview at the Embassy in early February
- must bring a printed and signed copy of their application to the interview
- must bring copies of their academic transcripts to the interview
- must bring a copy of their passport, if available, to the interview