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HOW TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in Tomorrow's Women's Young Leader program, which begins with a three-week camp in the United States and continues for one year in Israel/Palestine.

The goal of our camp is to offer opportunities for young Palestinian and Israeli women to move past their prejudices, to communicate freely and creatively, and to establish long-term relationships with those who they may have previously feared or misunderstood. We hope that each participant will gain new understanding and leadership skills for promoting peaceful coexistence in her community.

After camp all girls continue in a one-year Young Leader training program to deepen their communication and leadership skills in four weekend seminars.

Please read this document carefully, making sure that you have included all the items on the checklist, and send your completed application **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2023** to Noa Ma'ayan (noa@tomorrowswomen.org , 052-6123986). **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE, AND ADDITIONAL FORMS LISTED BELOW SENT BY EMAIL.**

You may contact Noa if the deadline has passed or if you have questions. Upon receipt of all the forms and payment she will contact you with additional information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Age and Gender: The camp is for young women between the ages of 15 and 17.

Participant Criteria: Participants must be strong English speakers. All activities will be conducted in English.

Applicants should demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to peace as well as an interest in speaking and listening to other young women of diverse backgrounds.

Applicants must commit to participate for the entire one-year program of dialogue, art, leadership, and social activities in the US, Israel and Palestine.

The camp program includes group and individual dialogues on such topics as diverse cultural views, discrimination, fear, suffering, violence, prejudice, and coexistence. Each applicant must be willing to share her story and her feelings and at the same time listen to others' stories and viewpoints.

Art is an important element of the Tomorrow's Women camp experience. Art is used as a vehicle for exploring emotion and personal expression. Although art experience is not necessary, applicants must be willing to fully participate in the art program.

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Application Form: Each applicant must complete the online application form, which includes a short autobiography and essay questions. These must be written in English and in the applicant's own words. The application includes a medical questionnaire. It is very important to let us know if there are any pre-existing medical conditions that might affect the camper at high altitude or under stress. The application form is available here: <https://forms.gle/wcmVYGaJnZrJgQ2d9>

Passports and Visas: Families are responsible for obtaining valid passports and U.S. visas and for all fees pertaining to these.

Medical Insurance: Medical insurance is required and will be paid for by each family. Proof of insurance must be provided.

Legal Forms: Upon acceptance to camp, legal and medical release forms will be required. Forms must be signed by parents/guardians and by the family doctor. We also require releases for participation in the Santa Fe Mountain Center ropes course and media coverage.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The fee to attend US camp and the I/P leadership training program is \$1,000.

Note that this fee is substantially lower than the \$8,000 this program actual costs. Expenses include transportation, food, lodging, activities, an extensive dialogue and art program, and many new and exciting experiences during camp and seminars. It takes a staff of nine women and 100 volunteers to make it happen.

Each candidate's application must include a financial form signed by a parent or guardian along with a 30\$ (110NIS) non-refundable application fee.

Payment of the balance of \$500 (1925 NIS) must be submitted once the applicant has been accepted, in mid-February 2024. Another \$500 (1925 NIS) must be submitted in mid-March 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: If payments are not received when requested, applicant will lose her place at camp and in follow-up seminars. If applicant decides to cancel participation in camp after travel arrangements have been made she will be charged a \$250 fee. If deadlines are not met or instructions not followed, Tomorrow's Women will not refund any expenses incurred by applicant.

A limited number of scholarships are available. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please complete the scholarship application form (ask Noa Ma'ayan for it, noa@tomorrowswomen.org) and email back to Noa no later than November 30, 2023 along with all required application materials.

If you wish to help fund a scholarship, please contact Noa.

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Travel to and from camp is arranged and paid by Tomorrow's Women. We are sorry but we cannot accommodate any changes to the itinerary.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

Accommodations: The altitude of camp is 2,800 meters. Campers are housed in a retreat center located on 80 acres of mountain forestland with beautiful scenic views. Campers are assigned to their bedrooms based on cultural diversity. No room swapping is allowed.

Food: Part of the camp program is to experience a diversity of international foods. Please come prepared to enjoy tasting new and different foods. Pork and shellfish are not included on the menu. Though we make every effort to accommodate special dietary needs, because of the complicated logistics of our camp, we may not be able to provide for all dietary requirements. Participants with special dietary needs should contact Noa Ma'ayan in advance.

Communications: Cell phones, iPods, and other mobile devices are not permitted at camp. Please leave your mobile phones at home. Families will call their daughter once a week at scheduled times (to be announced). The exceptions are emergencies or birthdays.

Email: Families and friends may email at most twice per week to noa@tomorrowswomen.org. However, campers are not permitted to use computers.

Clothing: A suggested list of clothing and other items to bring will be distributed prior to the start of camp. Please keep in mind that airlines have strict baggage allowance and extra weight is costly and must be paid by participant.

Shopping: There will be a shopping expedition during camp. Shopping money is to be provided by each family. Each camper may bring **NO MORE THAN \$500** for personal shopping. As part of the application process, parents/guardians are required to verify that their daughters will not carry more than this amount. We provide a limit on spending money for each participant for two reasons: 1) so that shopping during camp does not become a focus, and 2) all the participants have the same or similar resources while at camp.

Activities: Activities may include hiking, swimming, shopping, sports, visiting museums, and dining in private homes and restaurants. For outdoor activities, please bring walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

Dental Needs: Please have a dental check-up several months before coming to camp. We have experienced many dental problems during camp, which take the pleasure out of the experience, result in lost activity time, and are very expensive.

Household: As part of the camp experience of forming community and acquiring leadership skills, daily housekeeping chores will be assigned along with special times for cooking. Campers must be prepared

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to participate in some cooking and cleaning.

Environment: Campers may not smoke on campus.

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR CAMP APPLICATION

A complete camp application includes:

Application form - <https://forms.gle/wcmVYGaJnZrJgQ2d9>

Copy of passport and identity card

Please send a clear copy of the identity pages, your current passport, visa (if you have) and a copy of your identity card to noa@tomorrowswomen.org

Letters of recommendation from two non-family members

Letters of recommendation from two adults outside the family must be emailed directly to noa@tomorrowswomen.org. These letters may come from teachers, religious leaders, employers, counselors or other adults who know the applicant. Family members are NOT eligible to complete these forms. All recommendation letters are confidential and must be in written in English or attached to an English translation.

Financial form signed by parent or guardian

Scholarship application form, if you wish to apply for a scholarship

\$30 (110 NIS) nonrefundable application fee

Those living in Israel: Along with the application, please make a bank transfer of 110 NIS (\$30) to the Tomorrow's Women account, Bank Leumi - 10, Nof Ha-Galil branch - 972, account 372500/28

Photocopy the transcript of the transfer and send it to noa@tomorrowswomen.org or to WhatsApp 052-6123986 with the name of the candidate and an address for sending a receipt.

Those living in Palestine: Please contact Ameera, Palestinian Co-director, about payments. Email address is ameera@tomorrowswomen.org

Please return your application by EMAIL ONLY no later than November 30, 2023 to:

Noa Ma'ayan noa@tomorrowswomen.org 052-6123986

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