



Application

2010

Student Name

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Program Description

The Youth Cultural Opportunity is a program for teenagers from Belarus to spend 4 weeks in the U.S. living with a U.S. host family, experiencing life in a U.S. community, and participating in community service activities. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about American culture and share Belarusian culture with Americans. They will depart for the United States in late June 2010 and return to Belarus in early August 2010.

Instructions for Applicants

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for the program, students must certify that they meet the eligibility requirements outlined below. If the student passes to the next level of the competition, s/he must provide documentation of eligibility.

I certify that (check all that apply):

- I am currently enrolled in 9th grade or 10th grade;
- I was born on or after January 1, 1994, and on or before June 1, 1995;
- I have an academic standing of "good" or better;
- I have previously studied English, and speak and read English; and
- I am a citizen of Belarus and am eligible to receive a Belarusian passport.

How to Apply for the Youth Cultural Opportunity

Applicants must:

- Complete the application form and essay questions on-line and submit the required documents listed below by mail, email or to the U.S. embassy in Minsk;
-OR-
Complete the application form, including the essay questions, print and submit it and the required documents by mail or to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk. (Please note that the PDF application cannot be saved unless you have Adobe Acrobat.)
- Submit:
 - The application form, including the essay questions by mail, e-mail, or in person to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk;
 - A visa photo or an electronic version of a photo taken within the last six months (photo should contain head and shoulders, only);
 - A copy of your birth certificate; and
 - An academic transcript on the form provided.

Applicants must provide all parts of the application, visa photo, birth certificate and transcript or they will not be considered for the program. Semi-finalists will be notified of their status after December 15, 2009 and will be invited for an interview and further testing in December 2009 and January 2010. All testing will be conducted in English.

Where and When to Submit Your Application

Applications must be received by the Youth Cultural Opportunity program office by **November 30, 2009**. Applications may be submitted:

In person to:

U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section
2A Gertsena St.
220030 Minsk
Belarus
Phone: +375-17-217-0481
8:30-5:30, Monday-Friday
Website: <http://minsk.usembassy.gov>

By email:

ycoprogram@gmail.com

On line:

www.ycopportunity.org/ycop

YCO Application Biographical Data

Student Information

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Gender: Male Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) Place of Birth (city, country)
 Female

Citizenship Email Address

Current Mailing Address:

House Number Street Apartment Number Region

Postal Index City Country

Home telephone: Code Number

Other number where you can be contacted Code Number

Whose telephone is this?
Name Relationship to You

Mother:

Current Family Name First Name Middle Name

Father:

Family Name First Name Middle Name

Study of English:

How many years have you studied English?

Where did you study English?

School - Which grades?

Tutor - How many years?

Private school, center, or club - How many years?

Name(s) of private school, center, or club

School Information

Class (choose one): 8 9 10 11 12 1 2

School (city and number or name) Telephone Number: City Code Number

Address Name of school director

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Essay Questions

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You must answer all three essay questions in English. Each answer should be no more than 300 words. They can be shorter if you like, but we suggest a minimum of 100 words per essay. We recommend that you write the answers to these questions yourself rather than ask for help from your teachers or parents.

1. Describe a recent time when a friend or family member did not do what you expected. What did you do? Why?
 2. What are your three strongest qualities? How do they help you in life? Please give examples.
 3. Describe a time in the past 2-3 years when you were asked to do something you had not done before. What did you do? Why?
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Essay 1

YCO Application Essay Questions

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Essay 2

Essay 3

YCO Application Student Grade Transcript

Student Name

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First Name

Middle Name

At this point in the process, you should complete this form yourself based on your records. If you are selected for an interview, you will be required to get a stamped transcript from your school.

School (city and number or name):

	Academic Year 2007-2008	Academic Year 2008-2009	Academic Year 2009-2010
	Class	Class	Class
Grading Scale	to	to	to
SUBJECTS	Final Marks	Final Marks	Current Marks (this year)
English Language			
Native Language: _____			
Other Language: _____			
Other Language: _____			
Literature			
Mathematics			
Algebra			
Geometry			
Computer Science			
Social Science			
History			
Government			
Geography			
Physics			
Chemistry			
Astronomy			
Biology			
Fine Arts			
Drawing			
Music			
Physical Training			
Work (shop/home economics)			
Other:			