

2017 Study of the U.S. Institutes for European Student Leaders Civic Engagement and Environmental Issues

The Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission announces the competition for the 2017 Study of the U.S. Institutes for European Student Leaders, a five-week academic program for young people pursuing post-secondary education. The Institutes are an all-expense paid program, including program administration; domestic travel and ground transportation; book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances; and housing and subsistence. Participants will be enrolled in ASPE, the Bureau's Accident Sickness Program for Exchanges.

Eligible Fields: Civic Engagement and Environmental Issues

Grant duration: 5 weeks, June-July of 2017

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have Romanian citizenship and study in Romania;
- be proficient in English;
- be interested in the Institute topic;
- be between 18 and 25 years of age;

- have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, and therefore be committed to return to their home university following completion of the program (BA students finishing their undergraduate studies in the summer of 2017 are not eligible);
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- demonstrate commitment to community and extracurricular university activities;
- have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country;
- be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive;
- be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel;
- be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country;
- be prepared to submit a report to the Fulbright Commission on their program experience.

Each applicant will be required to submit:

- an application form to be downloaded from: <u>www.fulbright.ro/images/pdf/2017 Study of the U.S. Institutes_application form.doc</u>
- scanned academic transcripts for undergraduate level.

NOTE: the application includes the reference form to be completed and signed by two evaluators.

Please submit your application, including the essay, in word format; transcripts and references should be scanned and sent as PDFs. All the documents are to be sent to office@fulbright.ro no later than: FEBRUARY 6, 2017