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Transformational Leadership Program - Scholarships and Partnerships



Professional Certificate Program - Call for Applications

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -
 SCHOLARSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN THE U.S.**

The Transformational Leadership Program – Scholarships and Partnerships invites prospective candidates to apply for U.S.-based Professional Certificate Programs.

The Transformational Leadership Program - Scholarships and Partnerships (TLP-SP) is implemented in partnership with World Learning, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. The purpose of the program is to develop a cadre of leaders to drive significant change in Kosovo in priority economic, political, and social development areas.

Professional certificate scholarships will be supported in Rule of Law; Public Administration; Agriculture; Management; Finance/Accounting; Education; Engineering / Information Technology and Gender and Interdisciplinary Studies. Certificate programs are short-term, US-based educational programs designed to provide working professionals with advanced skills in a specialized area of interest. Unlike Master’s degree programs that offer broad curricula, certificate programs are narrower in focus and address a specific topic or area of professional specialization.

All certificate programs are conducted in English and are offered by universities or other higher education institutions. Certificate programs vary in length from several weeks to an entire semester of full-time study. TLP-SP will cover all costs associated with the professional certificate program in the U.S. for qualified applicants.

TLP-SP invites all interested candidates to apply through this open call for applications

Applications will be reviewed and participants selected in a transparent manner based on objective criteria.

Eligibility criteria:

- Kosovo residency and citizenship;
- Holder of a Bachelor's degree
- 7.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), or 2.5 (US scale)
- Demonstrated professional aptitude and leadership potential in the selected field of specialization;
- Ability to begin the certificate program in the United States in the summer or fall of 2016.
- English skills sufficient to pursue Professional Certificate Program in the US.

In addition, semi-finalists will be invited for an interview and must fulfill the following requirements prior to being placed:

- TOEFL score meeting minimal requirements;
- Possession of a passport from Kosovo;
- Ability to receive and maintain a U.S. J-1 exchange visitor visa;
- Commitment to return to Kosovo after the completion of the program.

USAID and United States Government employees and their immediate family members **are** not eligible to participate in the TLP-SP. Employees and immediate family members of USAID contractors, sub-contractors, grantees, and sub-grantees are not eligible for Participant Training programs *if the contract, sub-contract, grant, or sub-grant was competitively awarded.*

This program will not facilitate or authorize funding for travel for children or spouses of participants

Special emphasis will be placed on supporting promising Kosovars from underserved and disadvantaged populations with limited resources such as women, minorities, LGBT persons, those from rural areas, and people with disabilities. TLP-SP strongly encourages the members of these groups to apply.

The Application Form may be downloaded at **WWW.USAIID-TLP-SP.ORG**. Interested applicants who meet the eligibility requirements should submit the Application Form and documents listed below by email to ****.*

- Copy of a Kosovo passport or ID;
- Copy of all university diplomas received (Bachelor's and Master's) (with English translation);
- Copy of official transcripts and GPA scores (with English translation);
- Copy of a CV/resume (in English);
- Three written references: two academic and one professional (in English).

* Submit your two essays both as part of a PDF file with all other parts of the application and separately in a Word document. All other documents must be submitted in PDF format.

Application deadline: 6 November, 2015

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information on the TLP-SP and this call for applications please visit: **WWW.USAIID-TLP-SP.ORG**.

The Transformational Leadership Program – Scholarships and Partnerships provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

ii Immediate family members are spouse and children.