# *Human Rights are your rights: Connecting Generations, Connecting Communities*

First & Last Name:

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Date of birth:

Email:

Phone no:

Faculty/School/Average grade:

Year of studies:

Previous experiences with Human Rights Topics:

*Explanation: (This serves only to help you figure out what to write about in this section. Before you start writing/typing your answer, please erase this explanation). Please try to keep your answers short and informative but in case you need extra space, feel free to expand this box.*

*Write about any previous conferences you've participated in, courses you've attended at university or anything similar that covered the topic of Human Rights. Tell us when you attended these events, who were the organizers and which topics were covered?*

*If you have previous experience with Human Rights Topics please state how you think the camp will influence you and why you would like to participate? What do you think you can gain from this experience?*

 *If you never took part in anything similar, why would you like to attend this camp and start learning about Human Rights?*

What field(s)/specific topic(s) from the Human Rights range interest(s) you the most and why?

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*Write about the Human Rights topic you are most interested in. How did you develop this interest? How do you think this camp will help you learn more about this topic? Do you think this particular topic is more important than the others and why? Please provide examples from your own community/country.*

Why did you apply for this camp?

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*What motivated you to apply for this camp? What do you expect to gain from this experience?*

In what way can you contribute to this camp?

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*Please explain how you intend to contribute to this camp? What skills, experience etc. do you think you have/know that other participants will benefit from? Do you plan to build up on this experience and if yes, how?*

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How do you see the state of Human Rights in your country/in our region?

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*Write more about the situation (state of) Human Rights in your country and in the region (special attention to the participating countries – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo). What do you think are the main problems regarding respect for human rights in these countries? In what field do you think there are a biggest number of violations? What needs to be done so the situation would improve? What can you do as a citizen?*

*How does your country and this region compare to the rest of the world?*

*Which country in your opinion is no.1 when it comes to the respect of Human Rights and why?*

*How do you compare the state of human rights in your country and in the United States of America?*

Please list any community activities, projects, initiatives you took part in. Tell as more about your interests, your plans for the future etc.

*This is the space to tell us more about yourself. Have you ever volunteered? Why do you volunteer or why don’t you? Where do you volunteer?*

*Are you a regular member of any organization? Do you play sports, are you interested in music, do you play an instrument? Have you ever attended or organized a protest?*

*What is your opinion on community activism and its importance?*

*If you are not an active member of your community share with us why you are not active? Would you like to become active? Anything along these lines or anything you would like to share with us – this is the space to do so.*

Please list any health/diet restriction concerns you might have that we should be aware of.

***This question will not affect the overall evaluation of your application. Please be honest so we could address any issues in advance and so that the organizational committee can use this information when preparing for the camp and dealing with logistics.***

**Details about the project:**

# The Human Rights are your rights: Connecting Generations, Connecting Communities project will gather students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo in Montenegro in August 2014 (August 18 – August 23). The camp will consist of a series of presentations, lectures and creative workshops on civic activism in support to vulnerable youth groups led by alumni (participants of the State Department Exchange Programs) and the key guest lecturers on the topic. The participants will also learn how to contribute to their own communities, by taking action and participating in volunteering opportunities. Youth alumni coordinators will share their knowledge and experience from the U.S. At the end of the camp, a group of participants from each country should come up with a plan of action on how to use their newly acquired knowledge by drafting a small–scale projects the aim of which will be to support a vulnerable youth group in their community.

Camp topics will include:

--Identifying human rights issues in the community;

--Regional best practices: What are others doing, and how can you get involved?

--Addressing sensitive issues through the arts;

--Ethical issues for young leaders;

The camp will also include series of interesting activities aimed at supporting topics of the camp and encouraging teambuilding efforts among the participants.

After the camp completion, participants will be required to implement their small projects in their home countries/home communities, under supervision from the Alumni Association of that country and to report to MAYAA about the project.

**Eligibility criteria:**

* 18 – 25 years old (From High School to University students)
* Citizens (inhabitants) of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro or Serbia;
* Good communication skills in English;
* Open minded, interested in learning more about Human Rights; interested in learning more about the region, cultures, and customs; interested in meeting peers from the region and exchanging ideas etc.
* Has valid travel documents and is available in August 2014 for the Camp participation and in September 2014 for the implementation of the small project in his/her home country.

**Selection process:**

International panel will first grade all the applications based on previously established criteria. Short listed candidates will be required to take part in a Skype interview.

First round selection should be completed by June 12. Second round of selection (Skype interviews) should be completed by June 20. Finalists should be announced by June 25.

All completed applications should be sent to: mayaa.ngo@gmail.com with the title formatted like this: Country\_Lastname\_HumanRights (example: Bosnia&Herzegovina\_Lojpur\_HumanRights).

**Criteria for the selection of participants:**

All applications will be graded based on the following criteria:

1. Interest in the topic 1 – 10 points

Based on the answers to the questions in the application, it can be estimated how familiar and how interested student is in the topic. The member of the panel will award points from 1 (meaning that student does not seem interested and is only looking for a fun summer trip) to 10 points (student sounds mature, interested in the topic and panel member estimates that he/she will contribute to the project).

1. Expression of personal viewpoint 1 – 10 points

Based on the overall application, the panel member should determine, whether student expressed his/hers view when replying to the questions about the State of Human Rights in the region/world. It is extremely important to select the candidates who are passionate about their opinion and who write what they think rather than the students who write that they think we want to hear.

1. Activism 1 – 10

From the application, the panel members should determine whether this is an active individual who has potential/interest to become more engaged in home community and contribute. (1 is not active and does not show any interest – 10 shows above average interest and is already a very active member of the community).

1. Overall Appraisal 1 – 5 points

Overall grade of the application based on the entire information student provided in the application.