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Arab Youth Volunteering for a Better Future

Rules and Regulation

Youth Volunteering Award

Under the regional programme "Arab Youth Volunteering for a Better Future" the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is organizing a competition for young volunteers of Egyptian nationality, aged between 18 and 29 years.

The Youth Volunteering Award aims to recognize young volunteers' efforts and achievements, while informing the general public on the impact and importance of volunteering and highlighting the contributions of volunteers in peace and development, through short stories or videos that illustrate the "success stories" of participants.

Please see the Guidelines & Application document for further details on the structure and content of the story.

Article 1: Objective of the Competition

As part of the "Arab Youth Volunteering for a Better Future programme", this competition aims to highlight the volunteer spirit and activities in the Arab region while raising awareness on the role of young volunteers in the development of their countries. This will be done by highlighting success stories of young volunteers from Egypt, focusing on how their efforts contributed to the peace and development in their community.

The definition of volunteerism as endorsed by the United Nations is: "The terms volunteering, volunteerism and voluntary activities refer to a wide range of activities, including traditional forms of mutual aid and self-help, formal service delivery and other forms of civic participation, undertaken of free will, for the general public good and where monetary reward is not the principal motivating factor." (United Nations General Assembly in 2001 (resolution 56/38)).

Article 2: Modalities of participation and eligibility

This competition is open to young Egyptian aged between 18 and 29 years. Any participation in this competition implies unconditional agreement of this regulation and the waiver of any appeal to the final results. The organizers reserve the right to exclude any person not fully complying with these regulations.

To participate, candidates will follow the guidelines available in the Guidelines and Application document. The participants will have to submit their application within the time specified in Article 4 of this document. The submissions can be sent in writing or in video, in English, Arabic or French.

Article 3: The selection panel

The selection panel will be composed of experts and representatives of UN agencies, Civil Society Organizations, Youth, and Local Government, who will be tasked to evaluate and rank the participants following a set of pre-defined criteria, available in the Criteria document.



Article 4: Competition calendar

The contest will officially open from June 3, 2014 at 12:00 until June 30, 2014 at 23.59. The announcement of the three winning candidates will be made at the end of end of July and their official recognition during the national ceremony award held on the International Youth Day in August in Cairo. The travel and accommodation costs at the ceremony awards will be borne by the participants.

Article 5: The award

The three winners will have their story published in a national brochure, as well as a regional UNV booklet, along with the winners from other countries in the Arab region, in which their efforts and achievements will be portrayed. All national winners will also automatically run for the regional competition, whose winners will be recognized in a regional video and published in UNV's global youth volunteer booklet.

All national winners will be invited to participate in the regional awards ceremony, in December 2014.

Article 6: Intellectual property

By submitting an application, you confirm that your story is your own original work, created by you. Any work that is plagiarized or shared without the author's authorization will not be valid. The stories shared as part of this competition will be the property of UNV, who will publish and share them, always citing the names of their authors. UNV reserves the right to edit the stories prior to their publication, with the author's approval. UNV will not use these stories for commercial purposes.

The following participations will not be considered valid:

- Submissions made after the deadline;
- Submissions made by participants who are not within the age limit;
- Incomplete or incorrect contact details;
- Incomplete or serious lack of content to the story.

Defamatory, racist or pornographic content, as determined by the organizer, will be disqualified.

Staff members or family of staff members of UNV will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

The organizers reserve the right to make all necessary verifications regarding the identity and address of participants.