

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ 2019 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN & U.S. EMBASSY
SUMMER INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

Η Πρεσβεία των Η.Π.Α. οργανώνει πρόγραμμα ανταλλαγής μαθητών για τέσσερις εβδομάδες στις Η.Π.Α. Όσοι μαθητές ενδιαφέρονται να αποταθούν στον Brian Steiner για πληροφορίες. Να ληφθεί υπόψη ότι οι αιτήσεις λήγουν στις 12 Φεβρουαρίου 2019.

APPLY HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/bftf2019>

The U.S. Embassy in Cyprus is pleased to accept applications for the **2019 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Program** and the **U.S. Embassy Cyprus Summer Institute** for upper secondary school students. Both programs are **fully funded** intensive short-term exchange programs. The **four-week programs** will enable teenagers, **ages 16-18 (born between June 22, 2000, and June 22, 2003)**, to explore topics such as youth engagement, support for democracy and civil society, and economic prosperity. The Benjamin Franklin Program is focused on U.S. foreign policy and Europe, while the Summer Institute is specifically offered for 14 Cypriot students who will travel to the United States as a group in the summer of 2019 for a customized program. **Applicants to the 2019 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows program are automatically considered for the U.S. Embassy Cyprus Summer Institute without the need for a separate application.**

Both programs will take place **late June to late July 2019** at a U.S. university. **Funding provides a full scholarship** and covers visa, travel, lodging, educational materials, ground transportation expenses and travel insurance.

The program will consist of lectures, discussions, presentations, and workshops, complemented by community service activities, site visits, social and cultural activities, and homestays with American families. Participants also will have the opportunity to discuss other topics such as democratic practices, conflict resolution, problem solving, communication skills, critical thinking, tolerance and respect for diversity, youth leadership, team building, and the media.

You may request someone to submit a **recommendation** for you through: <https://tinyurl.com/bftf2019ref> (ask Brian!!!)

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- 1) Be born between June 22, 2000, and June 22, 2003 (i.e., be 16, 17, or 18 years of age at the time of the program start);
- 2) Be highly proficient in English, as demonstrated in a personal interview or the results of a standardized test;
- 3) Be committed to enrolling in high school or university in Cyprus in fall 2019, following completion of the institute;
- 4) Demonstrate strong leadership potential;
- 5) Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- 6) Demonstrate a high level of academic achievement;
- 7) Demonstrate a commitment to community and extracurricular activities;
- 8) Have little or no prior U.S. study or travel experience in the United States;
- 9) Be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;
- 10) Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive summer program;
- 11) Be comfortable engaging with the Americans they meet in the host communities;
- 12) Be able to adjust to different cultural and social practices;
- 13) Be comfortable with campus life, shared accommodations, travel, and interaction with a multinational, co-ed group of participants from across Europe and the United States; and
- 14) Be able to fly to the United States from Larnaca Airport.

More information about the program is available at <https://goo.gl/3VXqif>.