

## 2017 AIT Youth Camp

**Description:** In collaboration with the U.S. Embassies in Thailand and Philippines and in partnership with National Museum of Prehistory, the American Institute in Taiwan is launching its fifth annual Youth Camp. This year's camp will bring together approximately 50 young Asian leaders, and will focus on leadership development and community empowerment. Camp activities include interactive panels led by experts from U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs, cultural exploration, and volunteer activities.

**Program Dates:** July 7-9, 2017

**Venue:** National Museum of Prehistory, Taitung, Taiwan

**Fee:** AIT will cover all expenses incurred during the camp, including meals, lodging, insurance, educational materials, and other miscellaneous fees. Students have to cover their own transportation to National Museum of Prehistory.

**Language:** The camp will be conducted in English.

### Criteria for Selection:

1. Taiwan undergraduate university students from all disciplines are eligible and encouraged to apply.
2. English language ability; able to discuss complex issues in English.
3. Students should be enthusiastic about cultural exchange, regional cooperation, social innovation, and community engagement, and be able to demonstrate leadership potential.
4. Completed application materials must be submitted before May 31, 2017 to include essays and resumes.
5. U.S. exchange programs alumni can recommend and nominate students. Students may also seek nominations and recommendations from college professors, research supervisors, or volunteer organizations.

**Application deadline:** May 31, 2017 (*early submission is highly encouraged*)

### Selection:

The American Institute in Taiwan will select approximately 30 students from all regions of Taiwan. Applicants should complete the application form and essay questions below and *attach a resume in English* and send to [youthcamp2017@mail.ait.org.tw](mailto:youthcamp2017@mail.ait.org.tw) before May 31, 2017.

Applications will be reviewed by AIT officers and staff and alumni of U.S. government exchange programs. Students who are selected for a face-to-face (or Skype) English interview will be notified in early June. Selected campers will be notified by AIT the last week of June and provided with detailed camp information.



## 2017 AIT Youth Camp-- Student Application

### Personal Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 中文姓名: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in Fall 2017: Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Recent Graduate / Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: S/M/L/XL/2XL (Circle One; or specify your height/weight)

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical issues, including allergies, injuries, or recurring illnesses that we should be aware of? (This will not influence camper selection, only for use in planning camp activities).

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### Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Recommended by (optional):

Referee's name/title/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the referee a State Department Alumnus/Alumna? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what exchange program did the referee participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

Referee 's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:**

1. Describe your most unforgettable community engagement experience. This could be through volunteer work, internships, international exchanges, school or community service or other activities. What made your experience valuable, and what have you learned that will help you in the future? (400 words or less)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. If you were given a small budget to implement a project to make the world better, what would you do? What challenge in your community/ society would you try to solve, and how would you solve it? Please share any previous experiences and/or future plans you may have that would contribute to the success of your project. (400 words or less)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_