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“Being in the program also increased my confidence because the experience that I gained made me more mature as a person. I made new friends, have a new family on the other side of the world and have more courage to try new things now.”



Chua Wei Qin
YES 2015
Arnold, Nebraska

“My own exchange took me to amazing places and brought me to meet so many beautiful people. I learned that if you let things take its own course and give your best, everything will always turn out to be better than expected.”



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Want to study &
live in the U.S.?

YES!

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study

What is the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study Program?

The U.S. Department of State established the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program in October 2002 in recognition of the importance of youth exchange as a key component to build bridges between citizens of the U.S. and countries around the world. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and provides scholarships for high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations to attend high school in the U.S., live with an American host family, and serve as “youth ambassadors” for their home countries.

Requirements for Application?

- Be a citizen of Malaysia
- Be enrolled in Form 5 at the time of application. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply and they can be in Form 3, 4 or 5 at time of application.
- Have a good record of academic achievement (a B average or better)
- Demonstrated leadership, community involvement in extracurricular activities

YES seeks to ensure diverse participation in the program, representing all of Malaysian society.

The YES program officially launched in Malaysia in 2004 to expand communication between the people of United States and Malaysia to promote mutual understanding and respect. Since then, more than 550 Malaysian students have participated in the YES program and are now members of the YES and U.S. Embassy Alumni communities. Malaysian YES students spend 6 months in the U.S. from January to June.

The U.S. State Department’s YES program is administered in partnership with a consortium of non-profit organizations. In Malaysia, AFS Malaysia manages YES in partnership with the U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur.



TOP 10 REASONS TO SAY “YES”!

- 10 Get out of your comfort zone and explore the world.
- 09 Become a member of an American family; create lifelong friendships.
- 08 Discover the real you by seeing how others view you.
- 07 Build your cultural awareness; broaden your perspectives on global issues.
- 06 Be a youth ambassador for Malaysia.
- 05 Experience an international education at a U.S. high school.
- 04 Develop leadership and community service skills you can bring back to Malaysia.
- 03 Improve your English language proficiency.
- 02 Develop skills to stand out in the competitive modern job market.
- 01 Join 10,000 plus YES alumni from more than 40 countries around the globe.