



## United States Department of State

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Dear Exchange Student:

We invite you to apply to participate in the Civic Education Workshop (CEW), a special one-week program in Washington, D.C., for approximately 200 FLEX students and 100 YES students currently living in the United States. The workshop provides participants with a better understanding of some of the key concepts and values integral to U.S. society and culture. Participants learn firsthand about the U.S. federal system of government and other important concepts through seminar discussions, briefings, and Capitol Hill meetings. There will be *two* FLEX Civic Education Workshops; selected students will be assigned to a Workshop based on the state you are hosted in. Workshops will take place in 2018:



February 24 - March 2, 2018



February 10 - 16, 2018  
March 10 - 16, 2018

To apply to participate in CEW, go to <https://ais.americancouncils.org/workshops> and follow these instructions:

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| 1. | Create a user account and save your login information. <b>Write it down!</b>  |
| 2. | Find the <i>Civic Education Workshop Application</i> and click the “start” button.  |
| 3. | Read all instructions before beginning.   |
| 4. | Enter the required information about yourself.  |
| 5. | Select a teacher from your U.S. high school to write your recommendation. Your teacher will receive an email from American Councils with instructions for completing and submitting the recommendation. The teacher recommendation is due no later than <b>4:00pm Eastern Time Thursday, October 26, 2017</b> , so be sure to give your teacher plenty of time. |
| 6. | The application and recommendation are due no later than <b>4:00pm Eastern Time Thursday, October 26, 2017</b> .  |

You will be notified of selection decisions in December 2017. We wish you the best of luck in this essay competition; and, should you be selected, we look forward to meeting you in the spring!

In addition to the Civic Education Workshop, there is a Workshop for Youth Leaders in English Teaching (WYLET). You will receive a separate announcement for that workshop; the deadline and decision date will be similar to those of the Civic Education Workshop. You can apply for both workshops, BUT you may attend only one and must choose only ONE workshop should you be selected for both.

Sincerely,

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