



"Being part of this exchange experience has given me the opportunity to widen my eyes and my mind to have a better view of life. Maturity, good manners and leadership I finally obtained and strengthened. Now, I am ready to call myself a global citizen. I will try my very best to do what I can to make this world we live a better place even by the simplest effort."

Nurin Syahmina Sharif
YES 2018
Ohio, U.S.A.




"I enjoyed the time sharing about my beloved country, Malaysia to my classmates. The interest shown on their faces gave me more courage and confidence to explain the different cultures and races of Malaysia. The more I shared, the more I understood and loved my country for its uniqueness."

Kezia Loh
YES 2018
Maryland, U.S.A.



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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 enrolled in Form 3 or other equivalent grade at the time of application. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant’s date of birth must be between August 1, 2004 and August 1, 2006.
- Have the equivalent of a B average or better.
- Be a citizen of Malaysia.
- Demonstrated leadership, community involvement in extracurricular activities.

Note:

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 one academic semester in the U.S. from August to December 2021.

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.

