

# 2018 EDUCATIONUSA SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM



The EducationUSA office at the Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy - Kigali, seeks to identify and recruit Rwandan students who scored 75% and above in Senior 4, Senior 5, and Senior 6 to join the EducationUSA Scholars Program (ESP). Only students who will graduate from secondary schools in **November 2017 and those who graduated in 2016 or 2015 are eligible to apply. Students who graduated in 2014 and years prior are not eligible.**

Our mission is to assist our Scholars in negotiating the admissions process in U.S. colleges and universities to better their academic futures, with the goal of producing highly-skilled and widely-educated leaders to build tomorrow's Rwanda.

The Education USA Advising Center works with students through regularly scheduled training sessions to assist them throughout the application process to secure admission and financial aid from universities in the United States. We expect a sincere commitment from the students to give back their energy and time to the program and to their communities.

We do not limit the program geographically; however, students must be able to reach our offices in Kigali as required for full participation. ESP students will work with the EducationUSA Adviser in 2018 to try and secure admission and financial aid to begin classes at U.S. colleges and universities for the Fall 2019 school term.

## QUALIFICATIONS

A VERY strong academic record, be actively involved in co-curricular and leadership activities, have a strong record of giving back to your community and demonstrate financial need.

## SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Please complete the application form and submit it together **in one PDF file** with the required documents listed under the “**How to Apply**” section, no later than Monday, December 11, 2017. Please, **note that**

- Hand written **application forms** and **recommendation forms** may be submitted
- **ONLY typed application essays** will be considered (The essay prompts may be found in the 2018 ESP application form).
- All application materials should be submitted **in one PDF document** by e-mail to [educationusakigali@state.gov](mailto:educationusakigali@state.gov)

**Due of the high volume of applications expected, we will ONLY respond to those who are successfully selected to participate in the program.**

**ENTRANCE INTO THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION OR FINANCIAL AID TO STUDY IN THE U.S. CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETED SENIOR 6 IN 2014 AND YEARS PRIOR ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

**2018 EducationUSA Scholars Program application deadline: Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## HOW TO APPLY

**Note: Read the instructions carefully. It is essential that you submit all required documents listed below in one PDF file. Complete this application form fully, providing us with as much information as you can about yourself. We will not consider incomplete applications. A complete application consists of the below documents (all these documents must be submitted to [educationusakigali@state.gov](mailto:educationusakigali@state.gov) no later than Monday December 11th, 2017.**

- 1) A completed application form
- 2) Scanned copies of school reports or academic transcripts from Senior 4, Senior 5, and Senior 6. All school reports should have an official stamp from applicant's high school.
- 3) At least one recommendation form attesting to your character, talent and skills completed by a teacher, school administrator, priest/pastor or NGO or community leader who knows you well. Students should ensure that the letters of recommendations are submitted no later than Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 4) Write two essays responding to the below topics (500 words maximum for each essay; all essays must be typed and be submitted in one PDF file together with other application materials listed under the "How to Apply Section")
  - a. ***Why do you want to attend a university in the US and what could a U.S. education offer you?***
  - b. Write about one of the topics below:
    - A. ***Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story***
    - B. ***The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?***
    - C. ***Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?***
    - D. ***Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution***
    - E. ***Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others***

## Personal Information

1. First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Gender Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact telephone & ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email address \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth (Month, day, year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 7. Facebook Account Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

8. Mother's current occupation and workplace (Be specific, even if self-employed)

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9. Father's current occupation and workplace (Be specific, even if self-employed)

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10. If your parents are deceased, state: the name, relationship and occupation of your legal guardian

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11. Give us the information below in relation to your direct siblings.

	Name	Age	In School		Name of School	Class/Form
			Yes	No		
1						
2						
3						
4						
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12. Number of dependents currently living with and supported by your family and their relationship to you

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13. Amount of your school fees in 2017 (Amount per term in Rwandan Francs)

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## School Information (Most Recent School)

19. Secondary School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Province/District/ Sector \_\_\_\_\_

20. School telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### 21. Principal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 22. Career Counselor (if applicable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

23. List below all high schools that you have attended.

School Name	District	Forms / Year	Reason for leaving

24. (a) List in order of importance all extra-curricular activities e.g. Clubs, sports, your community, church). If you want to give us a sample of your talents, feel free to attach (i.e. photo, poem, drawing, etc.).

Activity	Time spent	Leadership		Position
		Yes	No	

24. (b) Please describe which of these activities is most important to you and why?

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25. What, if any, is the most important academic honor/prize you have been awarded?

Type of Award	Subject	Term (if applicable)	Year
Award e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> position/Most improved	Physics	3	Senior 5

26. Did you hold any leadership positions at school or outside school?

Leadership Position e.g. Head girl	Year

**Short Answer Questions**

You can use additional paper if the space is insufficient. Take time to answer these questions honestly and fully.

27. (a) What do you hope to study at the university?

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(b) What is your planned career(s) and why

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28. What idea sparks your intellectual curiosity?

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29. You've won 10 million Rwandan Francs in a national lottery. What would you do with that money?

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30. Which leader inspires you? Why?

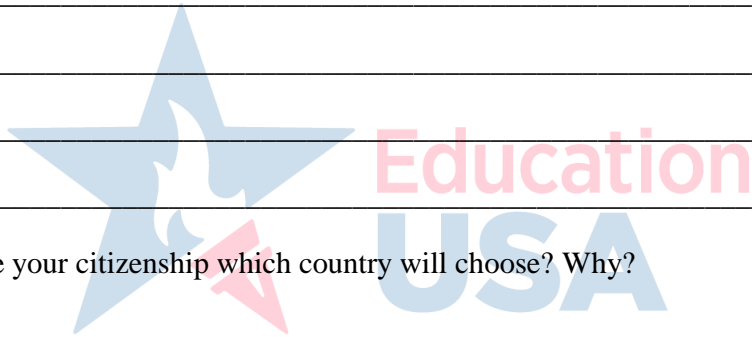
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33. If you were to choose your citizenship which country will choose? Why?

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33. EducationUSA Program is more of a family than merely access to colleges that could offer you a scholarship. What do you bring to contribute to this diverse and talented family of dreamers?

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34. What is your goal for 2018? Why?

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35. Reflecting on your high school years, what would you do differently if given a second chance to relive them?

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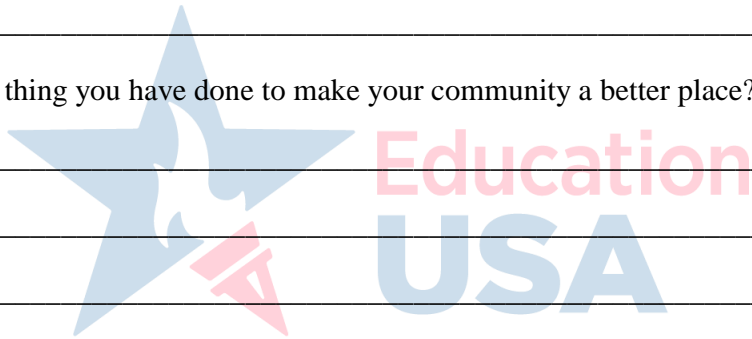
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36. What is one concrete thing you have done to make your community a better place?



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37. What motivates you to wake up every morning?

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Thank you for applying for the 2018 EducationUSA Scholars Program. Please, submit all required documents by email to [educationusakigali@state.gov](mailto:educationusakigali@state.gov) no later than December 11, 2017.

We look forward to reviewing your application!