



February 20th, 2006

Dear Applicant,

This application is your opportunity to secure a spot at **Student Global Ambassador (SGA) Uganda Immersion** that will take place this **June 2006 in Kampala, Uganda**. This program will seek to understand the practical development challenges facing the people of Uganda, as well as take an in-depth look at the creative and positive development solutions being implemented. We will hear from CBOs and NGOs, people living in Namuwongo (an urban slum community near Kampala), as well as other officials and experts.

On June 15, youth from the United States will spend time exploring:

- Creative and unique youth development solutions that often do not make it into the Western media
- The issues surrounding Northern Uganda, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of former child soldiers
- Uganda's political climate after the February 2006 election
- Microfinance as a tool for development and dignity
- The perspectives of American and Ugandan youth living and working in Namuwongo (outside of Kampala) as well as in Gulu (Northern Uganda)
- Ways to engage and stay involved in development and cultural understanding projects

Global Youth Partnership for Africa (GYPA) is a non-partisan educational organization that works to cultivate youth as partners in development and advocacy for Africa. GYPA is a community-based, sustainable development and humanitarian aid organization based in Washington, DC with staff in Kampala, Uganda. GYPA is under the umbrella of the Human Relief Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.gypafrica.org.

GYPA understands that in today's global climate, the problems that exist in one country affect those who live in another. It is imperative that young people learn about other countries and cultures and respect the nuances of their values and goals. When committed, respectful young people form coalitions and communicate effectively, the world can be changed. This is the first effort of its kind, and it will lead to a greater, stronger relationship for the future.

The application deadline is **April 15th, 2006**. We look forward to receiving your application. Stay tuned for more details about the conference at www.gypafrica.org

Wishing you all the best,

Jeremy M. Goldberg
Director, GYPA

Josh Goldstein
Associate Director, GYPA

Student Global Ambassadors (SGA): Uganda Immersion

Dates: **June 11th-June 27th, 2006**

Website: www.gypafrica.org

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OBJECTIVE

To encourage young leaders (aged 18-25) from the United States to learn about and engage in the challenges and successes in Uganda and more broadly East Africa. The immersion will facilitate networking; encourage participants to hone their leadership skills; promote the exchange of ideas and solutions.

GOAL

The Student Global Ambassadors program will prepare a generation of global leaders to challenge the misconceptions about Africa, seeking educational understanding through interacting with the people of Uganda. This includes interaction in the grassroots with CBOs and NGOs, people living in Namuwongo an urban slum community near Kampala, traveling to the Gulu District in Northern Uganda to meet with civil society leaders and explore the IDP camps and reintegration programs.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

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HOST CITY

Kampala, the capital of and largest city in Uganda, has a population of 1,208,544 (2002). The city is located near Lake Victoria. Local industry includes manufacturing of furniture and machine parts. Agricultural exports include coffee, cotton, tea, and sugar. There is an international airport at Entebbe, 22 miles/35 km away, and a port at Port Bell, 7 miles/10 km away, on the shore of Lake Victoria.

Kampala grew around a fort constructed by the British East Africa Company in 1890. In 1962, Kampala replaced Entebbe as the national capital. Much of the city was destroyed after the 1979 overthrow of Idi Amin's dictatorship and the subsequent civil war. With the emergence of the new, democratic leadership of President Museveni in 1986, Kampala has enjoyed stability, while foreign investment has provided funding for the rehabilitation of the city's infrastructure and the restoration of services. Kampala is also the seat of the East African Development Bank.



SUMMIT DETAILS

Dates: June 11th-June 27th

Young leaders and staff from the United States: 16

Cost: \$2200

Includes roundtrip airfare to Uganda from Washington or New York, all transportation in Uganda, all accommodations in Uganda, 2 meals a day, entrance to all programming, reading list and preparatory packet, post conference recreational activities, and assistance coordinating personal academic research.

ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO DEPARTING AIRPORT. HOWEVER, DO NOT PURCHASE TICKETS UNTIL WE CONFIRM YOUR TICKET TO UGANDA HAS BEEN SECURED.

Transportation:

American students will be departing from an airport in the Washington, DC area on June 11th and returning June 27th.

The airline charges approximately \$200 for any changes in itinerary.

Spending Money/Misc.:

A minimum of \$250 will be needed for Americans traveling to Uganda

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY (read carefully)

-Once you have reserved your space with \$2200 fee for the SGA UGANDA IMMERSION this money is NOT REFUNDABLE. GYPA leaves room for discussion in severe cases and circumstances (i.e. illness or death) regarding refund. However, in the case of extreme circumstances, a \$300 processing and administrative fee will be incurred. Therefore, in those severe cases you will receive a \$1900 refund, not \$2200.

-Students are responsible for transportation to the departing airport. However, DO NOT purchase your tickets until GYPA has officially confirmed with you that your ticket to Uganda has been purchased. We will not reimburse for flights purchased to the departing airport in the event of cancellation/postponement of the SGA UGANDA IMMERSION.

-GYPA will NOT refund for vaccination/inauguration fees, passport fees, and postage fees in the case that a cancellation occurs with the SGA UGANDA IMMERSION and/or in the case that under severe circumstances you are unable to participate.

Any further questions regarding refund/cancellation policies should be directed to:

Josh Goldstein
josh@gypafrica.org
301-221-2789



Student Global Ambassadors (SGA): Uganda Immersion

Application Deadline for Participants: April 15th, 2006

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. You will hear a response in one week after submission

Full Name (as stated on passport): _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ District _____

Country _____ Phone _____ Country of Passport _____

Zip code _____ Email _____

University attending/attended _____

Graduation date, if applicable _____

Major/Degree _____

Why do you want to participate in the SGA Uganda Immersion?

Please list any experiences, courses, activities, etc. that are relevant to this program

What skills set do you bring to this immersion?

How do you feel about working in a group setting? Give one example of a situation where you worked in a team environment.

Have you traveled internationally? If so, please list the other countries to which you have traveled, and amount of time spent in each.

Why do you find the issue of displaced populations to be an important issue?

Reminder!

There are 15 spaces available for the immersion, and the application process is competitive.

Application (including resume) is due **NO LATER THAN
SATURDAY, April 15th, 2006**

To: Josh Goldstein
Associate Director
josh@gypafrica.org

Accepted applicants will be notified by **April 20th**. If accepted, participants from the US must send the \$2200 registration fee by **May 1st**. A photocopy of passport and vaccination record (including Yellow Fever vaccinations as required by the US Government) by **May 1st, 2005** to:

Global Youth Partnership for Africa
SGA Uganda Immersion Steering Committee
1101 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Washington, DC 20004

You will be unable to participate in the SGA Uganda Immersion if these items are not received.