

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY HANOI
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2010 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE
FOR STUDENT LEADERS ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS), U.S. Embassy Hanoi, is seeking candidates for the 2010 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues. First through third year (or fourth year at university with a 5 year curriculum) undergraduate students who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities, have a strong interest in the environment and have a good command of English are invited to apply for the program. Up to eight scholarships are available for Vietnamese students. The application deadline is **5:00 PM, Monday, January 25, 2010**. Applicants who live south of Quang Tri province should contact the US Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City for more details.

Program Overview

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders are intensive academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The Institute on Global Environmental Issues will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Educational travel to other parts of the United States, local site visits, and volunteer opportunities will complement the coursework and classroom activities.

The Study of the U.S. Institute on Global Environmental Issues will explore the role that environmental policy has played in the economic and political development of the United States. The Institute will use experiential learning techniques to expose participants to current themes in the field, including natural resource management, sustainable development/sustainable agricultural practices, food security, ecotourism, energy generation (new and traditional forms), and water management and treatment. The issues will be explored from numerous angles: local grassroots activism and civic initiatives, market-oriented approaches, and federal government policies and regulations. The Institute might also examine the relationship between environmental security and national security. Finally, the Institute will explore environmental issues in the context of a globalized society, and draw comparisons between the United States and the participants' home countries.

All participant costs, including program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances, housing and subsistence will be paid by the U.S. Department of State.

This SUSI program, offered to 20 student leaders from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, will take place over the course of five weeks, beginning July 2010, including an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic travel component of approximately one week that will conclude with a 2-3 day program in Washington, D.C.

Candidate Qualifications

Competition will be based on the candidates' interest in environmental issues, the potential of the candidates to become student leaders through academic performance, community involvement and extracurricular activities. While all candidates will have a strong interest in the environment, their fields of study might vary, and can include disciplines such as Agriculture, Biology, Ecotourism, Engineering, Environmental Law, Environmental Science, International Affairs, Public Policy, and Sustainable Development... Competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ have a strong interest in the environment
- ❖ be fluent in English
- ❖ be a first year, second year or third year student; or fourth year student at universities with 5 year curricula;
- ❖ be no more than 25 years of age;
- ❖ be committed to returning to their home universities upon completion of their SUSI program;
- ❖ demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- ❖ indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- ❖ have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated in grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- ❖ have demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular activities;
- ❖ have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Vietnam;
- ❖ be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;
- ❖ be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel program; and,
- ❖ be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.

How to apply?

Eligible candidates are invited submit their complete application form online at <http://sites.google.com/site/susistudentleaders/> no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, January 25, 2010**. Hard copies of applications should be sent to the following address by the same deadline.

In the North (from Quang Tri province Northward)

The SUSI for Student Leaders Program
Public Affairs Section
United States Embassy
7 Lang Ha Street, Hanoi
Tel: (84) (4) 3850 5000/ext.6034
E-mail: pas.culture@gmail.com

In the South (from Thua Thien - Hue Southward)

The SUSI for Student Leaders Program
Public Affairs Section
U.S. Consulate General
Saigon Center Building
65 Le Loi street
Ho Chi Minh City.
Tel: (84) (8) 3821-6400, ext. 105.

No exception will be made regarding the deadline.