TURKISH COALITION of AMERICA

2018 TURKISH AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

2018 Application

The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) is accepting applications for the 5th Annual Turkish American Youth Leadership Conference to be held in Washington, DC on October 25-28, 2018.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Expand their knowledge of U.S.-Turkey relations and the political systems of both countries
- Meet members of Congress, diplomats and policy experts
- Increase their awareness of Turkish historical heritage in the United States and issues of importance to Turkish Americans
- Learn about effective advocacy in the American political system
- Develop leadership skills
- Become more active members of the Turkish American community
- Establish networks with peers from across the United States

Application Deadline: Monday, September 10, 2018

Award: Up to 25 Turkish Americans will participate in this exclusive, all-expenses-paid forum.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder)
- ❖ Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program or be a recent graduate whose interests align with the objectives of the Youth Congress
- ❖ Be available October 25-28, 2018 and able to commit to attend the entirety of the conference
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and participation in community service, particularly within the Turkish American community

**Please note that participation is not limited to individuals studying or working in political science. People in all fields of study are encouraged to apply.*

How to Apply

Please submit all materials to scholarships@tc-america.org no later than **Monday, September 10, 2018**.

Applications should include:

- A completed application form
- A resume
- 2 passport-size photographs
- A college transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- A copy of your passport or green card
- One letter of recommendation (may be submitted directly by the recommenders to scholarships@tc-america.org by the deadline)

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Your application will be complete when all materials including letters of recommendation are received. Review of applications will not begin until after the application deadline.

For any questions about the Youth Congress or application process, please email scholarships@tc-america.org.

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2018 TURKISH AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS APPLICATION FORM

PART I: Personal Information

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Check one: U.S. Citizen: ☐ Permanent Resident: ☐ Date of Birth: _____

Do you have a previous relationship with TCA?: (Select as many as apply to you)
Scholarship Recipient ☐ Intern ☐ Other ☐ None ☐

If other, please specify: _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Relationship): _____

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Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

PART II: School Information

School Name (most recent school attended): _____

City: _____ State: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Year in School: Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Master's ☐ PhD ☐ Recent Graduate ☐

If you are a recent graduate, what do you do now? _____

If you are a recent graduate, are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide the name of your employer and your job title:

_____

PART III: Short Answer Section *Please limit answers to 300 words each*

1. The Youth Leadership Conference is open to individuals of Turkish American descent. Please describe your Turkish heritage.

2. What is your Turkish language proficiency?

	Writing	Reading	Speaking	Understanding
Native/Bilingual				
Professional				
Limited				
Elementary				
None				

3. In your opinion, what should be the two most important foreign policy issues concerning the U.S. today and why?

4. In your opinion, what are the two issues that should concern Turkish Americans the most and why?

5. Briefly discuss the level of your involvement with your local Turkish American community.

6. Describe a situation in which you applied your leadership skills to influence or alter an outcome.

7. What do you expect to gain from participating in this Youth Congress? How will you apply what you learn in your daily life?

8. What are your plans for the next 5 years? If you are a student, what are your plans after you graduate?

9. What extracurricular/community/volunteer activities are you involved in?

10. How did you hear about the TCA Turkish American Youth Leadership Conference?

PART IV: Reference

1. Reference Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

* References can send their letters directly to the Turkish Coalition of America at scholarships@tc-america.org or to the following address:

Attn: Dr. Nilsu Goren,
Turkish Coalition of America,
1510 H St, NW, Suite 900,
Washington, DC 20005

PART V: Please attach your resume, a copy of your college transcript, a copy of your passport or green card, and 2 passport-size photographs to this application.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided in this application and my supporting documents are true and correct.

2. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could mislead TCA.

3. By submitting this application, I am giving my approval for TCA to verify all information I have provided to TCA and, when requested, I will fully cooperate with TCA in this endeavor.

4. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that my application and all supporting documents are (i) clearly marked with my name (ii) submitted to TCA by the deadline.

6. I understand and agree that (i) the TCA decision is made at its sole and absolute discretion, (ii) this decision shall be deemed final, and (iii) such decision shall not be subject to further review, reconsideration, challenge or appeal.

7. I understand that, as a participant of the TCA Turkish American Youth Leadership Conference, I am required to attend all sessions and actively follow and engage in TCA's work.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____