

### 2015 Application

The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) is accepting applications for the Second Annual Turkish American Youth Leadership Conference to be held in Washington, DC on November 5-8, 2015.

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; and
- Establish networks with peers from across the United States.

**Application Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2015**

**Award:** Up to 30 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;
- ❖ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- ❖ Be available November 5-8, 2015 and able to commit to attend the entirety of the conference; and
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership and participation in community service, particularly within the Turkish American community.

### How to Apply

Please submit all application materials to Liz Clark at [scholarships@tc-america.org](mailto:scholarships@tc-america.org) no later than **Friday, September 25, 2015**.

**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; and
- Two letters of recommendation (may be submitted directly by the recommenders to [scholarships@tc-america.org](mailto: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](mailto:scholarships@tc-america.org).

**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**

Are you a (please select one): College Student  Graduate Student  Recent Graduate

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes  No

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

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**PART III: Short Answer Section**

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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

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10. Have you volunteered for any special cause in your community or at your school within the past year? If so, please describe.

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11. What extracurricular/community activities are you involved in?

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

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**PART IV: References**

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Attn: Liz Clark,  
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: \_\_\_\_\_