

On-Demand Youth Leadership Program (ODYLP): Excellence in AI and Global Leadership Exchange (EAGLE)

An Exciting Opportunity for Youth (Ages 15–18) and Adult Mentors

Build AI Skills. Make Global Friends. Change Your Summer.

Imagine spending three weeks of your summer on an unforgettable, fully-funded exchange program in the United States that will allow you to:

- Learn the fundamentals of AI and explore how it's transforming the world
- Design AI-powered solutions to real issues affecting your community
- Explore ethical and responsible technology use, including digital citizenship and online safety
- Strengthen innovation and entrepreneurial skills through interactive workshops
- Build leadership and civic engagement skills through hands-on community problem-solving
- Collaborate and build lasting friendships with peers from Kosovo, the Republic of Korea, and the United States

This is not a classroom program. **This is a hands-on, team-based, international experience where you use technology, creativity, and leadership to make an impact.**

Who Should Apply?

- ✓ Teens ages 15–18 who are curious about technology, AI, leadership, and global issues
- ✓ Educators who want to mentor the next generation of innovators
- ✓ Students who want an unforgettable, fully funded international experience

APPLICATION DETAILS

Six students and one adult mentor will be competitively selected to participate from each of the three participating countries (Kosovo, the Republic of Korea, and the United States).

Is there a cost? There is **NO** application fee. The United States Government will pay for all travel to and from the United States, and all program-related costs for selected participants.

Applications will be accepted from February 4, 2026 until March 3, 2026 at noon Eastern Time. Semifinalists will be selected for interviews and final notifications made in April 2026.

Apply today to gain experience working across cultures, using AI to solve challenges, and leading with purpose!

To apply go to: www.legacyintl.org/odylp-eagle
Questions? Please email ylp@legacyintl.org



SELECTION CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

YOUTH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be between 15-18 years of age by June 1, 2026, with at least one semester remaining in high school after the exchange.
- Be a citizen and current resident of Kosovo, Republic of Korea, or the United States. International applicants from Kosovo or the Republic of Korea with dual U.S. citizenship are not eligible for this program.
- Demonstrate interest in AI use, youth leadership, civic engagement, local and global issues, and cross-cultural communication skills.
- Be committed to completing a follow-on project in your home community.
- **For international candidates:** Be comfortable using English in everyday and professional situations. You should be able to hold conversations on a wide range of topics, explain your ideas and experiences clearly, and read and follow written instructions. You do not need perfect or highly technical English, but you should be able to communicate complex ideas clearly and confidently.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously had opportunities to travel internationally.
- **Please note:**
 - Employees and family members of U.S. Embassy or Consulate staff, U.S. Department of State employees, and staff of Legacy International and its partner organizations for this program are not eligible.
 - Individuals who have participated in an in-person ECA-funded program within the last three years OR have accepted a U.S. government-funded exchange program for the next year are not eligible.

Adult Mentor – Program Experience and Role: For the program, ideal adult mentor candidates will fully participate in all exchange activities alongside youth and provide support as needed, including troubleshooting and assisting with activities. Adults will take part in customized professional development sessions during the exchange. They will guide youth in developing and implementing community-based projects and, during the project phase, mentor local participants as they complete assignments. Adults will also help collect evaluation and monitoring data, report program impacts, and advise on building sustainable follow-up activities. Additionally, the international mentors will serve as flight escorts, accompanying the youth group on international flights.

ADULT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 25 years old by June 1, 2026.
- Have experience working with teenagers and demonstrated strong leadership skills in the workplace.
- Have demonstrated interest in teaching, working with, and/or supporting STEM curriculum and AI initiatives as they relate to youth leadership, civic engagement, community service, local and global issues, and cross-cultural communication skills.
- Be a citizen and current resident of Kosovo, Republic of Korea, or the United States. International applicants from Kosovo or the Republic of Korea with dual U.S. citizenship are not eligible for this program.
- Be committed to mentoring youth after the in-person exchange, especially during the implementation of follow-on community projects.
- **For international applicants:** Be comfortable using English in everyday and professional situations. You should be able to hold conversations on a wide range of topics, explain your ideas and experiences clearly, and read and follow written instructions. You do not need perfect or highly technical English, but you should be able to communicate complex ideas clearly and confidently.
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