



EXCHANGE PROGRAM
for Students
U.S. Embassy Bamako



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

STUDY OF THE U.S. SUMMER INSTITUTE (SUSI) FOR Young Women LEADERS ON ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

What is the SUSI Program?

The (SUSIs) for Young Women Leaders began in 2010 and were rebranded last year. The Program consists of a four-week academic residency with a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Site visits, leadership development, cultural activities, and community service complement the coursework and academic sessions. If conditions allow, the Institutes will include a one-week integrated study tour in the United States. Note that if the program must take place virtually, participants will engage in similar activities but online from their home countries. The program will examine the participation of women through the following Institute theme: **Economic Empowerment**.

We are calling on Mali's best women student leaders to apply for the 2023 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Young Women Leaders on Economic Empowerment – All qualified and motivated candidates please apply by November 30!

Who can apply?

Applicants must meet ALL these criteria:

- Be female
- Be proficient in English
- Be interested in the Institute topic
- Be between 18 and 25 years of age
- Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States
- Be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel
- Be a first, second, or third-year student in a Malian institution of higher education and have at least one semester left of the undergraduate studies
- Have a record of sustained academic achievement
- Have little or no prior travel to the United States, and minimal prior international travel
- Have a strong interest in learning more about the United States
- Have demonstrated strong leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities
- If the program is conducted in-person, be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to adjust to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.
- be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive
- Plan to return to Mali to finish university studies after the program ends

NB: The SUSI for Young Women Leaders on Economic Empowerment will examine topics including, but not limited to, an overview of the U.S. economic system and structures, economic prosperity, and opportunity, building sustainable economies, inequities in economies, financial access, entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial ecosystems, social capital development, financial literacy, and organizational development and management.

Should the program need to **pivot to a virtual format**, participants would need access to a computer and a stable internet connection. Participants would be expected to actively engage in all program activities, and therefore, they should notify immediately the host institution and post of any issues with their online access during the duration of the program as well as any difficulties affecting their participation.

How do I apply?

[Download the application form](#). Fill it out and attach the document to your email and send to [bamako@scholarships@state.gov](mailto:bamako@scholarships.state.gov) **No Later Than November 30, 2022, at midnight.**



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