U.S. MISSION TO VIETNAM

Announcement
2023 TECHGIRLS PROGRAM

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam seeks candidates for the 2023 TechGirls Program. All female Vietnamese students, proficient in English, in grades 10 or 11 studying at Vietnamese high schools who demonstrate an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and intend to pursue higher education or a career in technology are welcome to apply. Successful candidates will demonstrate their leadership capability through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Up to three scholarships are available for Vietnamese students. The application deadline is **11:00p.m., Friday, December 16, 2022.**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sponsored by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, TechGirls is an exchange program to connect and support the next generation of women leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by providing them access and opportunities to advance their skills and pursue their dreams.

In 2023, the program will invite 111 young women from 35 participating countries along with 25 U.S. peers in a dynamic four-week U.S.-based experience with a 7-month mentoring program (including pre- and post-exchange). The exchange will take place in July-August 2023in partnership with Virginia Tech University. TechGirls participate in an interactive technology and computer camp, then travel to one of the following cities: Austin, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Portland or Seattle for job shadowing at a tech company. Participants will also have homestay and community service experiences and are required to implement follow-on projects that serve the needs of their communities in the months that follow their return home.

Participant costs for program administration, international and domestic travel, housing, and food are covered by the U.S. Department of State.

The program component in the United States will be organized taking into consideration all necessary safety guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state, local, and campus authorities.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

This competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ Be a Vietnamese citizen;
- ❖ Be a female student, 15-17 years old and in grade 10 or 11 at a Vietnamese high school;
- ❖ Have demonstrated interest in STEM fields and intend to pursue higher education or a career in technology;
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership qualities and potential in their school and/or communities;
- ❖ Demonstrate commitment to or interest in civic action and community service;
- ❖ Academic excellence;
- ❖ Exhibit an appropriate level of maturity, open-mindedness, and sociability within a group;

❖ Be proficient in English;
❖ Are committed to completing a follow-on project;
❖ Have permission from parents and schools to participate in the entire program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

❖ **Apply online:** https://techgirlsglobal.org/

❖ **Application Deadline:** The application deadline is **11:00p.m., Friday, December 16, 2022.** No exceptions will be made regarding the deadline.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Eligible candidates from Quang Tri province to the north may send any questions to:

Public Affairs Section
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TechGirls Program
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Eligible candidates from Thua Thien-Hue province to the south may send any questions to:

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