

**YSEALI Critical Thinking in Classrooms Regional Workshop in Thailand**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Application Instructions**

Thank you for your interest in the YSEALI Critical Thinking in Classroom Regional Workshop in Thailand from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please review the applications instructions carefully and submit your online application by the **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** deadline.

Summary of application form components:

- I. Brief information for YSEALI program
- II. Personal Particulars
- III. Current Student Information
- IV. Education Background
- V. Current Occupation
- VI. Statement of Interest & Video submission

**Please prepare the following information before you begin your online application:**

- I. Section 1 of the application form outline general information about the YSEALI program including the deadline.
- II. Section 2 of the application form “Personal Particulars” requires your personal data regarding:
  - Personal information, contact details & social media information.
  - Dietary & Medical Requirement
  - Previous YSEALI & other similar experience
  - Registration as a YSEALI member (if you are not yet a member)
- III. Section 3 “Current Student Information” is for current student only. Non-student applicant could select “No” and skip the whole Section, and continue onto Section 4. Information requested includes:
  - Details of Education Institution
  - Field of Study
  - Your targeted career and why do you choose this field of study.
- IV. Section 4 “Education Background” is compulsory for all applicants to fill in 2 highest degrees attained.
- V. Section 5 “Current Occupation” requests information regarding the current employment or most recent employment, plus one previous employment (if any). Information requested includes:
  - Details of work place
  - Your position and responsibility

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- Membership of association and volunteer experience
- Reason for career choice

VI. Section 6 “Statement of Interest” asks you to write 300-400 words (around 2500 characters) essay explaining why do you want to participate in this YSEALI program, your expectation and your plan upon returning to your country.

You will also be asked to provide a link to your Video Clip (approximately 3 minutes) introducing yourself and presenting your essay content on why do you want to participate in this YSEALI program, your expectation and your plan upon returning to your country.

**Instruction for Video presentation (3 minutes maximum)**

1) Record your presentation. Using a webcam, cell phone or video camera, please record a brief introduction. Remember that your video presentation should convey your traits as a leader, including the ability to capture and hold audience attention and the ability to speak with clarity, brevity, and structure. Aesthetic elements, such as editing, visual effects, and picture and sound quality, will not factor into the evaluation.

2) Upload video using YouTube, Google Drive, or Dropbox. We do not accept videos hosted on other platforms. To upload your YouTube video, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Click “Upload” at the top of the screen (first-time users will need to create an account or log-in using a Google account). Title your video with your full name and adjust your privacy settings to “Unlisted” - this will only allow users with the link to view your video. Place the link to your video into your online application – Every hosted video has a URL or web address which you can copy and paste into your YSEALI Critical Thinking in Classroom Regional Workshop in Thailand application.

**Please direct any inquiries to The Asia Foundation in Thailand:**

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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Q: Am I eligible if I am 35 and XX months?**

*A: If you are still 35 by the time of the application, you are eligible to apply to the YSEALI Workshop. If you are 36 or over, you will not be considered.*

**Q: Am I eligible if I have been to other YSEALI workshops?**

*A: Priority is given to those who have not attended YSEALI regional or U.S.-based workshops or fellowships before.*

**Q: How can I become a YSEALI member?**

*A: To become a YSEALI Member, please register at <https://asean.usmission.gov/yseali/>*

*You will be asked to fill in your name, email address, year of birth, country of citizenship, and interests. Registration is completely free.*

**Q: Is there a required study or occupation background?**

*A: We accept applicants coming from various backgrounds who are emerging leaders or students with a strong interest in education policy and reform, 21st century skills, workforce competitiveness, child psychology, media & social media literacy.*

*Individuals with a track record in the following fields are encouraged to apply: education policy, higher education, school administration, journalism, academic research, public policy analysis/advising, psychology (or related discipline), entrepreneurship, human resources, social enterprise, media/social media analysis. Students are welcome to apply.*

**Q: Do I have to have work experience?**

*A: We do not require that participants have relevant work experience. However, candidates who have chosen a career path that reflects their interest in critical thinking in education will be given priority.*

**Q: Am I eligible to apply if I am a citizen of one of the ASEAN countries, but have been living outside of ASEAN?**

*A: Yes, anyone who is a citizen of one of the ASEAN countries is eligible.*

**Q: Am I eligible to apply if I am NOT a citizen of one of the ASEAN countries, but have been living in ASEAN for a long time?**

*A: No, you must be a citizen of one of the ASEAN countries to be eligible for this workshop.*

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Q: How can I apply to the workshop?**

*A: Interested applicants must apply via the online application. We do not accept applications via email.*

**Q: I do not have a GPA at my current university yet. What should I do?**

*A: If you have just started college, and do not have a GPA, simply put in "N/A" in your application form and explain why.*

**Q: Can I submit the video presentation later?**

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*A: Applicants must provide a link to the video presentation in order to complete their application. Applicants must make sure that they have the video ready before submitting the application.*

**Q: Do I need to submit my CV?**

*A: No, completion of the [Online Application Form](#) is sufficient.*

**Q: Do I need to provide my transcript?**

*A: A transcript is not required for application to this workshop.*

### **WORKSHOP-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**Q: What will I do at the YSEALI Critical Thinking in Classroom Workshop?**

*A: Participants in the workshop will have an opportunity to participate in informational sessions, discussions on critical thinking and challenges, and break-out sessions on different topics and group presentations. They will also be asked to work together in groups to propose a [Small Grant Competition](#) project in their home country.*

**Q: Do I need to prepare anything prior to the workshop?**

*A: Participants will be asked to review some materials related to the theme of the workshop. They will also be asked to familiarize themselves with their team members and to start making plans for their proposed Small Grant Competition project.*

**Q: Am I expected to do anything after I finish the workshop?**

*A: As a follow-on component, the workshop will support participants to implement small projects and/or share lessons learned with governments, educational development institutions, community organizations, or youth groups upon their return home.*

*Participants will be able to carry out their proposed Small Grant Competition projects in their home country. They are encouraged to stay in touch with their YSEALI coordinator and other workshop participants to discuss ideas, share experiences, and build a network of youths who are passionate about advancing critical thinking. For example, participants may write a blog post about what they do after they return from the workshop to promote critical thinking in classrooms and/or combat fake news in their community.*

### **LOGISTICS**

**Q: Is the program cost covered for the participants?**

*A: All program and travel costs including flight/transportation, meals, and accommodation will be covered. Please note that only flights within the 10 ASEAN countries are eligible; additional costs are the responsibility of participants. We do not cover cost associated with passport applications.*

**Q: Can I apply to the workshop if I do not have passport at the moment?**

*A: We do not require passport information for applicants to submit their applications. However, once selected, you will be asked to provide passport information so that we can arrange flights and other logistical support. The participants will be required to present a passport that is valid at least 6 months from the departure date.*

*Please note that participants from Thailand do not need a passport to participate in this workshop as it will be conducted in Bangkok, Thailand.*

**Q: Where is the workshop taking place?**

*A: The workshop will take place in Bangkok, Thailand. Information about the venue will be shared with selected participants at a later date.*

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**Q: Can I bring my family?**

*A: We do not cover cost for family nor can we accommodate family in this workshop. The schedule will be very tight; thus, it will be difficult for participants to spend any time with their family during the duration of the workshop. Therefore, we do not recommend bringing any family members with you.*

**Q: Must I stay for the entire period of the workshop?**

*A: Participants must be able to participate fully in the workshop, which will take place from May 21st to May 26th, 2018. In addition, prior to the workshop, participants are required to take part in all pre-workshop activities.*