

## Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders 2018

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### BACKGROUND

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, begun in 2014, is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking. In 2018, the Fellowship will provide up to 700 outstanding young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa with the opportunity to hone their skills at a U.S. college or university with support for professional development after they return home.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants between the ages of 25 and 35, although exceptional applicants younger than 25 will be considered.
- Are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S
- Are eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa
- Are not employees or immediate family members of employees of the U.S. government (including the U.S. Embassy, USAID, and other U.S. government entities)
- Are proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English
- Are not alumni of the Mandela Washington Fellowship

More information on eligibility and selection criteria please click on the link: <https://yali.state.gov/washington-fellowship/apply/>

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be completed online at <https://yaliapp.irex.org>

- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Flyer](#)

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