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in Diplomacy & Policy Advocacy."*

APPLICATION MANUAL YDG COHORT V

Application Instructions

1. Download the YDG Application Manual & Instructions.
2. After carefully reading through the manual, pay a non-refundable application fee of GH¢ 200 at any Stanbic Bank in credit of the account details below:

Account Number: **9040006195347**

Account Name: **International Perspective for Policy & Governance (IPPG).**

Bank: Stanbic Bank

Branch: Accra Mall

Unfortunately, there is no mobile money payment for this application opening.

Please Note:

- Ensure that the Applicant's name corresponds with the Depositor's name on the deposit slip when paying at the bank.
- If you submitted your name, telephone contact and email address before downloading the Application Manual, you will receive an Email (with your application code) confirming receipt of your APPLICATION PAYMENT within 180 minutes of your deposit at the bank.
- The email confirming receipt of your payment will be issued with your YDG Cohort V Application Form to be completed and submitted via the YDG website.
- If someone else made a payment on your behalf and the person's name is captured on the deposit slip, please email a copy of the slip to applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org for verification. After verifying the payment, your application code and application form will be sent to you via email.

- If you issue a direct transfer from your account to the account number above, please use your name as the reference for the transaction. In addition, you must send an email with a screenshot or a receipt of the transaction to applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org. This will enable us to verify the payment and issue you your application code and application form.

3. Upon receiving your application form, review and answer all questions on the form. Proceed to submit your completed form on the Submit Application page on the YDG website. You must submit your resume and a photo of yourself with your application form. Check the application form for details.

4. Once your application is received, you will receive a response via email confirming receipt of your application within 24 hours.

5. All official communications on your application will be done through email. Do check your mail periodically to ensure you do not miss out on any communication.

6. The deadline for payment of the application fee is 18:00hrs on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

7. The deadline for submission of application is 18:00hrs on Monday, March 18, 2024.

8. Kindly direct all questions and enquiries to applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org and you will be answered promptly.

Thank you.



Delegate Selection Process.

The YDG Delegate Selection process is competitive and strictly based on merit. A strong emphasis will be placed on the content of submitted applications this year. Applicants are encouraged to follow all application instructions, correct all grammatical errors, and provide compelling answers to application essay questions.

Technical Eligibility Requirement.

- Applicant must be a citizen of Ghana.
- Applicant must be 18 years or older but not more than 32 years old at the time of application.
- Applicant must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- Applicant must be proficient in at least one local language.

Applicants who do not meet the above requirement will automatically be disqualified. Interested nationals of other African countries residing in Ghana should contact the application office at applications@youngdipknatsghana.org for consideration.



What We Look Out For..

The Selection Committees will, among others, assess an applicant's interest in diplomacy and international affairs, public policy, relevant professional experience where necessary, communication skills, leadership orientation, academic ability, and commitment to building a career in international relations, governance, nonprofit, social entrepreneurship, etc.



Cohort V Application.

YDG Cohort V application opens on Friday, March 1, and closes on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Application Fee.

The YDG Cohort V application process comes with a non-refundable fee of GH¢ 200 to be paid at a designated bank, as stated in the Application Instructions.

Duration for Cohort V.

The cohort would last eight months with monthly sessions and more hands-on work and interactions.

Commitment & Subscription Fee.

YDG Delegates are required to pay a commitment fee for their time with YDG. The fee to be paid by Cohort V Delegates will be communicated along with the notification on being selected as a Delegate for the cohort.



Alumni Feedback & Experience



Joana Poma Chemel - YDG Delegate (Cohort I).
Business and Project Assistant, Ghana Netherlands Business and Culture Council.

The knowledge and experience from YDG and the opportunity to learn about development perspectives from other countries make me realize the many shortcomings Ghana has in light of development, but at the same time, the great potential she has to become the best country in the world.

The end of my time with YDG will only prove to be the continuation of my dedication and commitment to work with others for the good of mother Ghana, having gained the exposure, the education and the necessary skills for the task.



Francis Obeng Asante - YDG Delegate (Cohort I).
Trade Policy Officer, Afrinvest Consult Ltd.

Personally, I have acquired a range of knowledge pertaining to multiple facets of my life, the most important of which include Personal Branding, Work Ethics, Career Options and a Stronger Interest in Diplomacy. I have learned to build a brand for myself.

I have to make lifestyle changes to reflect the kind of person I want to be so as to command the respect and admiration of my peers and superiors. I have also learned to always work a lot harder than I think I should.



Reginald Nii Odoi Esq. - YDG Delegate (Cohort II).
Barrister & Solicitor, Accra, Ghana.

As someone passionate about using my career as a tool to serve the public good, my time as a proud Delegate of the YDG Cohort II has allowed me to explore my deep self.

The unique opportunities afforded me to meet high level personalities, diplomats, think tanks, participating in thought provoking forums and debates amongst other activities have been very rewarding and invaluable for that matter.

These have taught me a lot of skills, added much value to my life and broadened my intellectual capacity for problem solving. Long Live YDG.



Rhoda Adwoa Boateng - YDG Delegate (Cohort II).
Programs Officer, Global Compact Network Ghana.

I have gained knowledge in diplomacy and policy advocacy and have had unparalleled opportunities to meet and engage with key people in the areas of Foreign Service, government, corporate world and other key sectors through forums, workshops and the YDG Europe study tour.

I have learnt the proper way to assume leadership, and through the YDG sessions and team work activities, I have learnt how to work effectively with others towards a common goal.

My communication and public speaking skills have also greatly improved in this period. It has been a worthwhile experience, one that has and will continue to contribute positively to my personal and professional advancement.



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