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in Diplomacy & Policy Advocacy.”

# APPLICATION MANUAL YDG COHORT VI



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download the YDG Application Manual.
2. After carefully reading the manual, please pay the non-refundable application fee of **GHS 250.00** via MTN Mobile Money, Telecel Cash, AirtelTigo Money, bank transfer or Visa/Mastercard on the [Pay Application Fee Page](#) on the YDG website. All payments are credited to the International Perspective for Policy & Governance (IPPG), YDG's parent organization.
3. Upon successful payment, you will receive a payment receipt confirming your transaction, usually within a few minutes. Please forward this receipt to [applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org](mailto:applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org).
4. After we receive and verify your payment, we will issue your Cohort VI Application Form together with a unique application code, to be used throughout the application process. Kindly expect this within 24 hours.
5. Upon answering all questions on the application form, proceed to submit it on the YDG website (Submit Application Page). You will be required to submit your **resume** (3 pages maximum) and a **headshot** of yourself with your application form. Check application form for details.
6. Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your application. This is usually received within a few minutes; however, if you do not receive it within 24 hours, please contact us at [applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org](mailto:applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org)
7. All official communication regarding your application will be via email. Please check your email regularly to ensure you do not miss any updates.
8. The deadline for payment of the application fee is **17:00hrs on Wednesday, January 28, 2026**.
9. The deadline for submission of application is **17:00hrs on Friday, January 30, 2026**.
10. For detailed information on YDG's objectives, focus areas, structure, and delivery model, please refer to the [FAQ page](#) on the YDG website. Kindly direct only application related questions to enquiries to [applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org](mailto:applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org).

Thank You.



## Delegate Selection Process

The **Young Diplomats of Ghana (YDG) Delegate selection process** is highly competitive and strictly merit-based. This year, strong emphasis will be placed on the **quality and substance of submitted applications**. Applicants are encouraged to carefully follow all application instructions, correct grammatical errors, and provide clear, thoughtful, and compelling responses to the application essay questions.

## Technical Eligibility Requirement

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of Ghana
- Be at least 18 years old and not more than 35 years old at the time of application
- Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking English
- Be proficient in at least one Ghanaian local language

Applicants who do not meet the above requirements will be automatically disqualified.

Interested nationals of other African countries residing in Ghana may contact the Applications Office at [applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org](mailto:applications@youngdiplomatsghana.org) for further consideration.



## What We Look Out For...

The Selection Committees will assess, among other criteria, an applicant's interest in diplomacy and international affairs, public policy orientation, relevant professional or volunteer experience (where applicable), communication skills, leadership potential, academic ability, and demonstrated commitment to building a career in international relations, governance, the nonprofit sector, social entrepreneurship, or related fields.





## Cohort VI Application

Applications for Young Diplomats of Ghana (YDG) Cohort VI open on Monday, January 12, 2026, and close on Friday, January 30, 2026.

## Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of **GHS 250.00** is required to complete the YDG Cohort VI application, payable on the YDG website using MTN Mobile Money, Telecel Cash, AirtelTigo Money, bank transfer, or a debit card (Visa or Mastercard).

## Duration for Cohort VI

The cohort will run for **eight (8) months**, featuring **monthly sessions**, hands-on activities, and structured engagements designed to build practical skills and professional exposure.

## Commitment & Subscription Fee

Selected YDG Delegates are required to pay a **commitment/subscription** fee for the duration of their participation in the programme. For the last cohort (Cohort V), Delegates paid a commitment fee of **GH¢ 2,000.00**. Details for Cohort VI will be shared with successful applicants.

# Alumni Feedback & Experience



**Joana Pomaa 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.



**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.



**Maame Akua Otenewa Oduro**  
*YDG Delegate (Cohort V).*  
*Student, Ghana School of Law.*

My journey with YDG has been nothing but deeply rewarding. When I look back to where I started, I can clearly see how much I have grown both personally and professionally. I often find myself returning to lessons from our very first orientation session with Dr. Afua Yakohene; her insights on etiquette, dressing, and effective communication continue to guide my choices in subtle but powerful ways.

Beyond the learning, YDG has been an incredible platform; one that has given me visibility, helped me shape a clear niche in advocacy and youth activism, and opened doors to spaces that once felt far beyond my reach.



**Godwin Yao Doe**  
*YDG Delegate (Cohort V).*  
*Vice Curator, Global Shapers Accra Hub (World Economic Forum).*

My YDG experience was deeply personal. It was not just another programme, but a mirror that helped me see myself more clearly as to who I am now, and the kind of leader I am slowly growing into. Being named Best Delegate for Cohort V meant a lot to me, but honestly, the moments that shaped me most were the quiet ones.

The times I paused to reflect, the hard conversations with other delegates who challenged me in ways they didn't even realise, and the insights from seasoned experts that made me rethink my approach and my strengths. Every session exposed me to some level of accountability which came not so comfortable but helped me face the blind spots I usually try to brush aside.



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