



1. What is the YSALI Program?

YSALI (Young South Asian Leaders Initiative) is a program designed to promote leadership, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration between young leaders from South Asia and the United States. It typically focuses on young South Asian professionals and entrepreneurs who are looking to enhance their leadership skills, learn about U.S. business practices, and develop skills that can contribute to their communities and countries.

2. How can I apply for a YSALI Workshop and what are the qualifications?

Your local embassy will inform eligible candidates about the application cycle. The qualifications vary based on the theme for each workshop. In general, participants are between the ages of 18-30 and have some education, work, and volunteer experience related to the themes.

3. Do I need to pay for the program? What are the costs?

The YSALI program is usually fully funded, meaning participants do not have to pay for most of the associated costs. This can include travel expenses, accommodation, meals, and program-related activities. However, it's always best to check the specific program details for the year you're applying to, as policies can sometimes change.

4. Will the organizers help me arrange an earlier arrival or later departure from the workshop?

No. Organizing an experiential workshop of this size is an immense task. Therefore, we unfortunately cannot support participants seeking to customize their itinerary.

5. Can I bring family, friends, or other dependents?

Unfortunately, NO. Family, friends, and other dependents will not be able to join.

6. Can I work remotely during the workshop and only attend a few sessions?

No. An experiential workshop will require you to be active and engaged in all activities, even leading some of your own sessions from sun-up to sun-down and evenings too!

7. Can I join late or leave early due to work or other commitments?

No. You must be available for the entire duration of the workshop.

8. Will I need a visa to attend the workshop?

Yes, you will likely need a visa to attend the workshop, depending on your nationality and the workshop location. Some countries have a visa-on-arrival or electronic travel authorization

(ETA) arrangement and for some countries, you must apply and obtain a visa in advance of your arrival. It is important to verify the specific visa requirements for your nationality.

To find out the exact visa requirements, you can:

- **Check the country website** for updated visa rules and procedures.
- **Consult the YSALI program organizers**, who can provide you with guidance on how to apply for the visa and any necessary documents for your travel.

The YSALI organizers will usually provide detailed instructions on the visa application process if you are selected, including any support for acquiring the necessary documentation.

9. Will transportation be provided from the airport to the hotel and how will I find out who is arranging that?

For each workshop, the program team will make arrangements for your pick-up from the airport and transfer to the workshop venue.

1. Please ensure that you share your flight details and updates with the organizing team at least two weeks before your travel.
2. If your flight is delayed or rescheduled, notify the transportation team immediately at [Contact Number/WhatsApp].
3. Departure: On the final day of the workshop, transportation will be arranged from the hotel to the airport.
4. You will receive your pick-up schedule the day before departure.

10. What happens after the program?

After the program, participants will complete an action plan related to the workshop theme to be implemented in their local community. YSALI alumni often stay engaged with their peers, including networking events, leadership development opportunities, and follow-up programs which are often alumni-led. You may also be expected to share what you've learned with others in your community or professional network. The idea is to keep fostering the leadership impact you gained from the exchange.

11. I have a question that was not answered. Who should I contact to find an answer?

For all additional questions about the workshop, please email ysaliuno@unomaha.edu