

Armenian Missionary Association of America
All-Armenian Evangelical Youth Conference 2018
Հայ Աւետարանական Երիտասարդաց Համագումար
On the Occasion of the Centennial of the AMAA
August 2-16, 2018 • Armenia



APPLICATION FORM

READ THIS INFORMATION FIRST:

1. The purpose of this conference is to gather in the homeland Armenian Evangelical youth from around the globe, in order to celebrate the past century of service in Christ's name, and instill a vision for the Armenian Evangelical church of the future. (See accompanying brochure for schedule and further information.)
2. Conference is open to all Armenian Evangelical youth, ages 18 (entering last year of high school) through 32, and who are active and committed participants in the life of their church.
3. You should submit a scan of the ID page of your passport with this application.
4. You must print the signature page of this form (page 6), manually sign it, scan it and email it with the completed application.
5. Your pastor's/youth leader's confidential recommendation form must also be emailed by the deadline. You are responsible for follow-up to ensure its timely arrival.
6. All forms must be submitted electronically to youthconference@amaa.org.
7. The deadline for the conference organizers to ***receive*** applications and deposits is March 15, 2018. Late applications (received between March 16 and April 15, 2018) will not be eligible for subsidy assistance. Applications received from April 16 onward will not be considered.
8. Deposit required; see last page (page 8) of form for amount and contact information. NOTE: *You will forfeit the deposit amount if you withdraw from the program following your acceptance.*
9. The total cost of the conference is \$450 (including all costs in Armenia), plus your airfare to/from Armenia, less any subsidy amount. Speak to your area representative for subsidy information (see last page of this form).
10. Submitting this application and deposit does not guarantee your acceptance into the program. You will be notified by email by late March 2018 of the final decision. (If your application is not accepted, your deposit will be refunded.)
11. Accommodations will be in various locations, including private homes, hotels and large dormitory rooms (groups of up to 10 people w/shared bathroom).
12. LEADERS: please fill out this application; recommendation not necessary.

For any other questions, please contact your area representative or write to
youthconference@amaa.org.

I. Personal Data

Applicant is (check one): Youth Leader

Full name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country: _____

Phone (home) : _____ Phone (cell): _____

Email address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Class/grade (in 9/2018) _____ School name (9/2018) _____

Church Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

II. General Information

A. Church involvement – How often do you attend:

1. Worship service

___ Weekly ___ Twice a month ___ Other (specify) _____

2. Sunday School / Church Youth Group

___ Weekly ___ Twice a month ___ Other (specify) _____

3. Other (specify, such as campus group, etc.) _____

___ Weekly ___ Twice a month ___ Other (specify) _____

B. Language skills (not necessarily a deciding factor)

What is your primary language? _____

Do you speak Armenian? ___ Fluent ___ Weak ___ None

Do you read/write Armenian? ___ Fluently ___ Slowly ___ Not at all

Armenian will be used extensively throughout the conference. As necessary, translation will be provided by your region's leaders.

C. Do you have any health concerns that might affect your ability to participate fully in this conference? (please specify)

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III. Experience

A. Briefly share any recent **work or internship** experience you have had, secular or religious, whether or not for pay, within your country or outside. Please include dates and a very brief description of each.

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B. List four recent **service** projects/events in which you have participated, including church-related projects, school projects, mission trips, etc. Please include dates and a very brief description of each.

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C. Please indicate your church experience in the following areas (all that apply): youth group leadership, camp counselor, Sunday School or Bible teacher, worship or musical team, VBS or children’s ministry, prayer ministry, visitation ministry, etc. Provide dates:

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IV. Christian Testimony

A. Briefly explain how, when, and why you became a Christian. Be concise.

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B. In 20 words or less, please answer the question, "What is a missionary?"

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V. Mission/Service Component

All conference participants will serve in a mission project organized by the AMAA, corresponding to the participant's experience, skills, and interest. The projects belong to one of the following four categories:

1. *Home visitations* – visiting sick, elderly, poor, lonely, grieving, etc.; comforting, praying, sharing scripture, etc.
2. *Daily Vacation Bible School* –music (vocal or instrumental); dramas, sketches, storytelling; sports activities; arts & crafts
3. *Clean-up of a public area (park, school, camp, street, etc.)* – grass cutting, weeding, moving dirt, rocks, leaves, etc.
4. *Minor renovation projects* – painting, house repairs, clean-outs, sweeping, etc.

Prioritize your preference of mission project using the numbers 1 to 4. Place 1 next to your first preference, and so on, with a 4 next to your least desired.

- Home visitations
- Daily Vacation Bible School
- Clean-up of an area that serves the public (park, school, camp, etc.)
- Minor renovation projects

- A. List the particular qualifications, skills or training that you have in any of the above four areas:
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- B. Which option(s) would you definitely want to participate in? Explain why (the conference cannot guarantee that you will be assigned this choice):
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- C. Which option(s) would you definitely **not** want to participate in? Explain why (the conference cannot guarantee that you will NOT be assigned this choice):
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- D. Other information that might be relevant to these assignments:
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Note: *The conference will do its best to assign you your preferred projects, but there is no guarantee that you will get your first choice.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participants...

1. *are expected to abide by the highest standard of Christian conduct, remembering that their behavior and speech are visible to all around them, and will be a testimony either for or against Christ.*
2. *should be modest/conservative in their clothing, and discreet/respectful in their relations with peers participating in the conference or with people from the local communities, especially those of the opposite sex.*
3. *must follow the directions of conference leaders and participate in all aspects of the conference to make it a positive experience for everyone.*
4. *should consider the welfare of others and the well-being of the entire group, and not expect to engage in individual activities, personal or family excursions, etc.*
5. *should expect to face physically demanding situations, and be willing to endure uncomfortable conditions.*
6. *should not criticize or ridicule their hosts or peers, whether in front of them or not, but rather look for ways to honor those among whom they serve.*
7. *should rely on the experience of their leaders, and not hesitate to seek their counsel in any difficulty, personal or otherwise.*

Those in violation of these rules may be dismissed from the remainder of the conference and sent home on their own responsibility and expense.

SIGNATURE AND AGREEMENT

Print, sign and date this, and scan it to be included with your completed application form.

By signing below, you are indicating that the information given within this application is, to the best of your knowledge, truthful and accurate.

You are also agreeing to abide by all rules of this conference, whether listed in this document or set by the conference leaders on-site.

You are also agreeing to hold the Armenian Missionary Association of America and its affiliates harmless from any and all actual or alleged claims, demands, causes of action, liability, loss, damage and/or injury in connection with or arising during the course of this conference.

Name (please print):.....

Signature: _Date:

FINAL CHECKLIST:

- Application Form
- Signature Page
- Copy of passport photo & information page
- Pastor's/Youth Leader's Recommendation
- Payment (see Information Page)

Email completed forms and recommendations to: youthconference@amaa.org

Send all payments to: (see Information Page)

DEADLINE (in order to qualify for subsidy):on or before March 15, 2018

DEADLINE (without subsidy):on or before April 15, 2018

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED APRIL 16 OR LATER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PAYMENT INFORMATION PAGE

(All amounts in USD, unless otherwise indicated)

Deposit amount for North America, South America, Europe, Eurasia, Australia – \$200

Deposit amount for Greece, Middle East – \$100

Deposit amount for Armenia / Caucasus – 10,000֏ AMD

See below to find your region, and contact the person indicated to make your payment:

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ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL UNION OF FRANCE	ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF EUROPE (INCLUDING BULGARIA)
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