

THE 2010-2011 FULBRIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

The State Department of the United States of America and the U.S. Embassy are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for 2010 -2011.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program 2010-2011 enables young educators to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States while engaging in **non-degree** studies at accredited post-secondary U.S. educational institutions. Along with their studies, FLTAs teach language courses, supervise language labs and lead language table discussions. FLTAs may serve as an instructor of a foreign language class or have a purely teaching assistant role. FLTAs may also act as resource persons in conversation groups, cultural representatives, attendants in language laboratories, coordinators of extra-curricular activities, guest speakers in civilization courses, head's of language clubs, houses, tables and much more.

Participants will be recruited through a merit-based, open competition and chosen based upon their leadership potential, academic excellence, maturity, ability to teach Kyrgyz language classes, adjust successfully to life in the U.S., strong interest in engaging Americans, and potential to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Kyrgyzstan.

Program Requirements:

- Applicants must be citizens or nationals of Kyrgyzstan or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid passport issued by the nominating country;
- Be no younger than 21 and no older than 29 at the time of application;
- Applicants must have completed their undergraduate education and hold a degree equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor's degree by the start of the grant period;
- Applicants must be teachers of English or be training to become teachers of English; teaching experience is preferred;
- Applicants must be able to teach KYRGYZ in U.S. universities.
- Applicants must be fluent in English, as demonstrated by a score of no less than 550 (Paper Based TOEFL); 213 (Computer Based TOEFL - CBT); 79-80 (IBT) or 6.0 (IELTS)
- Applicants must be creative and self-reliant team players, maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff and students
- Strong preference will be given to applicants who have little or no prior experience in the U.S.

Important: All grantees are expected to return to their home countries for at least two years at the conclusion of their grant in compliance with the J-visa requirements and to promote mutual understanding.

Candidates with U.S. citizenship or dual citizenship with the U.S. and another country **cannot** be included in this program.

Program Provisions: All grantees receive a monthly stipend, health and accident coverage, and travel support.

Application Procedures and Deadline:

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program application should be completed online at the Embark website:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>

You must read the application instructions that are provided on this website very carefully.

A complete application package includes the on-line application, academic transcripts, letters of reference.

DEADLINE – 5:00 pm on July 17, 2009.

Additional information is available at websites: <http://flta.fulbrightonline.org/home.html> or http://bishkek.usembassy.gov/exchange_programs.html

Please address your questions to: BishkekPAS@state.gov; or Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic, phone: 551241 ext. 4468.