Delegate Application Information



What: 2-week long academic, cultural exchange program

Who: 18 Chinese and 18 American student delegates

When: August 6-22, 2020

Where: Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Why: To promote peace by furthering mutual

understanding, friendship, and trust through

international student interchange

How: Application opens February 6

Apply before February 29 for free or

Apply by April 1 for a \$10 application fee

For additional information or questions, please contact ChASC's student-led Executive Committee at chasc@iscdc.org.

About ChASC

The China-America Student Conference (ChASC) is a 2 week-long academic and cultural exchange program that brings together an equal number of students representing the United States of America and China for off-the-record discussions of the future of the bilateral relationship.

The program is student-run and student-led, allowing for full and frank conversations to occur between emerging young leaders from both countries. Over the course of this intensive and immersive exercise in people-to-people diplomacy, participants will form powerful friendships that will go on to serve as bridges across the Pacific for generations to come.

Inspired by and continuing the 85-year long legacy of the Japan-America Student Conference's 1934 founders, ChASC will seek to promote friendship, trust, and mutual understanding through international student interchange. By empowering and inspiring the next generation of US-Asia leaders to value cooperation and dialogue, ChASC aims to instill in participants a lifelong dedication to the pursuit of peace, openness, and regional stability.

The inaugural China-America Student Conference will take place from **August 6 to 22**, **2020**. Students will live, travel, and participate in academic discussions with a group of approximately 40 students.

The Conference will be held in the District of Columbia and Virginia, with an all-inclusive participation fee of \$2,000.

Eligibility

Full-time university students from all academic majors are encouraged to apply for this one-of-a-kind gathering dedicated to learning beyond the classroom and partaking in meaningful dialogue with their international counterparts.

Students must currently be enrolled full-time in an American university and be in good academic standing with their institution.

No Chinese language proficiency is required as the official language of the Conference is English. Those interested in serving as a member of the Chinese

delegation should be comfortable actively contributing to scholarly discussions conducted entirely in English.

About the Application

Applications open on Thursday, February 6, 2020. Apply online at www.iscdc.org

Preference will be given to applications submitted before the priority deadline at 11:59 pm ET on **February 29, 2020**. An application submitted before this time will also have the \$10 application fee waived. Any application received after this time will be considered only after receipt of the \$10 application fee to the ISC PayPal Giving Fund.

All applications will be considered until 36 delegates have been confirmed or until 11:59 pm ET on **April 1, 2020** (whichever occurs first).

Part 1 of the application will ask for applicant information and Part 2 will ask for a resume, a transcript, a personal statement, and three short-essay responses (~400 words each). You may also submit an additional statement (optional) and contact information for a recommender (optional).

You will be notified by email of your acceptance approximately two weeks after the priority deadline or two weeks after the receipt of your application (whichever occurs later).

Documents and Short essays

- 1) Resume
- 2) Transcript

Please upload your most recent unofficial or official transcript. You may use a high school transcript if you are a First-year undergraduate.

- 3) Statement of Purpose
 - Please describe why you would like to be a delegate for ChASC 1 and what you hope to gain from this experience (300 500 words).
- 4) Culture

Please describe how American and/or Chinese culture has impacted you personally, academically, and/or professionally (300 - 500 words).

5) <u>Topic Exploration</u>
What topics are you most interested in discussing during the conference?

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And what topics do you think are the most important to discuss during the conference and why? (400 words maximum)

Additional Statement (Optional)

If there is anything else that you would like to share with us that you could not address in earlier sections, please attach a document with your response here.

Letter of Recommendation (Optional)

Applicants are responsible for contacting their recommender. If you select yes, your application will be considered only after receipt of the letter of recommendation.

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