



## **A Program of Empower Peace**

### **Women2Women – America 2015**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 – Saturday, August 8, 2015

## **TEACHER/EDUCATION OFFICIAL APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in applying as a teacher/education official for your delegation. By agreeing to be a teacher/education official:

- You are agreeing to travel with your students to the conference knowing that not all students in your delegation may be selected to attend.
- You are ensuring that your students attend all conference related events and workshops on time.
- You agree to monitor the behavior of your students to ensure that they follow conference protocol and rules and ready to participate in the conference workshops and discussions.
- You agree to attend all conference events, workshops and discussions and work with your students to ensure they are understanding the conference.

### **Conference Information**

Women2Women - America 2015 (W2W 2015) is a program of the Women2Women International Leadership Program sponsored by Empower Peace. W2W 2015 is an opportunity for young women ages 15-19 to participate in an educational cultural exchange in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. W2W 2015 will provide participants with the opportunity to learn, network and acquire leadership skills that will empower them to make a difference in their respective communities and countries. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with their peers from around the world.

This is the Tenth annual Women2Women conference. Over 700 young women from over 50 countries have participated in the program.

#### **Women2Women America 2015 International Leadership Program**

The Women2Women – America 2015 conference will focus on how your students can “Claim Your Seat at the Table” and empower other young women to do the same. You and your students will have the opportunity to learn about the current status of women and girls around the world, as well as the social and economic progress that is possible when women and girls have the opportunity to participate fully in every aspect of society. Your students will meet with leading figures tackling these challenges on an international scale, and develop their leadership skills so they can make a difference. Perhaps most importantly, you and your students will be joining a lifelong, global network of women who support each other and work together to contribute to positive change around the world.

#### ***The Challenges***

Despite much progress, women and girls are still the most discriminated-against group in the world. Consider these facts:

- Of the 1 billion people living in absolute poverty around the world (unable to secure basic life necessities), 60% are women and girls.
- Women make up 2/3 of the estimated 876 million adults worldwide who cannot read or write; and girls make up 70% of the world's 130 million youth not attending school.
- Women contribute 2/3 of the world's working hours, yet earn only 10 percent of the income.
- There are 31 million girls of primary school age not in school. Of these, 17 million are expected never to enter school.
- An extra year of primary school education boosts a girl's eventual wages by 10-20%. An extra year of secondary school adds 12-25%.
- At least one out of every three women and girls will be severely beaten in her lifetime.
- Women earn 78 cents to every dollar earned by a man.
- Worldwide, nearly 50% of all sexual assaults are against girls aged 15 years or younger.
- 1 in 3 girls will experience some form of violence in their lifetime.

- Every year, 800,000 people are trafficked across national borders. 80% of the victims are women. 50% of the victims are minors.
- 1 in 7 girls in the developing world will be married before her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Unfortunately, there is no community in the world that is untouched by these issues. It's time to come together and make a difference.

### ***The Solutions***

While the statistics above are shocking, so too are the results when women and girls are able to participate fully in society. Women involved in the political, social, and economic life of their countries and communities are better-positioned to increase attention for women's rights. Simply providing women and girls with an education can lead to healthier families and children, less poverty, and stronger national economies. Education also equips women with the knowledge and skills needed to realize their potential and protect themselves from harm. By participating in W2W 2015, your students will learn how to claim their seat at the table and become part of the solution.

### **Schedule**

W2W 2015 will take place from Wednesday, July 29, 2015 through Saturday, August 8, 2015. July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> are considered travel days. International participants may begin their travel to Boston as early as July 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to view a copy of last year's schedule, [please click here](#).

The conference will include: team-building activities; seminars and workshops with prominent leaders doing important work in government, media, business, science and technology, and non-profit; leadership development exercises and skill-building; outreach events with other youth and community leaders; and cultural activities. **Participants, including teachers, are required to partake in every conference activity.**

### **Transportation/Visas**

*If you are coming from the United States...*

- Empower Peace will provide all participants, including teachers and education officials (other than those from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island) with round-trip transportation from an airport near their home to Boston's Logan International Airport. **All participants will be fully responsible for transportation to and from their local airport.**
- Empower Peace will greet all participants at the airport and bring them to the conference.
- Transportation for all conference activities will be arranged through Empower Peace.
- Participants from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island must obtain their own transportation to and from the conference.
- Empower Peace **WILL NOT** accommodate any requests to extend a participant's stay in Boston. **All participants must depart Boston on their scheduled flight from Logan Airport.**

*If you are coming from outside the United States...*

- If accepted, participants will need to obtain a valid passport (if they do not already have one).
- Empower Peace will provide all participants with round-trip transportation from an airport near their home to Boston's Logan International Airport. **All participants will be fully responsible for transportation to and from the airport in their home country.**
- Empower Peace will provide necessary documentation to help secure a visa interview to travel to the US.
- If selected to attend W2W 2015, you must obtain your passport and secure a visa interview as soon as possible. **Participants should look to apply for a Tourist Visa B2.**
- Transportation for all conference activities will be arranged through Empower Peace.
- Empower Peace **WILL NOT** accommodate any requests to extend a participant's stay in Boston or the United States. **All participants must depart Boston on their scheduled flight from Logan Airport.**
- **Participants are responsible for obtaining their own travel and airport transit visas. Some participants will need to obtain an airport transit visa – a visa required to wait for a few hours at the airport's international transit area.**
- Empower Peace will greet participants at Logan Airport in Boston and bring them to the conference.

### **Housing/Meals**

- All participants, including teachers and education officials will be housed in **dorms** at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts, USA during the entire conference. Wheelock College is approximately 7 miles (about 11 km) from Logan Airport, near Fenway Park. (Approximately 15 minutes drive)
- Students will have at least one roommate from another delegation. Teachers and education officials will have their own dorm room at Wheelock College, close to their students' rooms. (Teachers will receive their students' room numbers upon check-in). There are communal bathrooms on each dorm floor. You will share your bathroom with one other room.

- Participants, including teachers, are expected to abide by all Empower Peace and Wheelock College dorm rules.
- Participants, including teachers, will be living in an area shared by other Wheelock College students (non-conference participants).
- Women2Women participants will be housed on all female floors.
- Participants, including teachers and education officials, are expected to abide by all Empower Peace and Wheelock College dorm rules. Rules will be provided in your check-in materials.
- Empower Peace will provide all meals during the conference. **Halal food will be available on a limited basis. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.** Please indicate if you require Halal or kosher food. Please indicate if you have any food allergies (ie. gluten, nuts, etc.) in the application.

## **Financial Responsibilities**

### **Conference Fees**

There are limited spaces available at this year's Women2Women program. If you are interested in being considered, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

**Cost per participant: \$2,500 USD + Airfare**

There are limited hardship scholarships available for qualified applicants who cannot afford the conference fee. **We strongly encourage ONLY those candidates that are in need to apply for a scholarship. We encourage everyone to apply even if you cannot afford the conference fee.**

#### *Costs covered by Empower Peace*

- Food
- Lodging
- All conference related activities and ground transportation
- All costs connected to speakers, and conference development and implementation
- Travel and basic health insurance during the Conference for all international participants

#### *Costs covered by the participant (her family, and/or sponsoring agency)*

- Air travel to and from the conference
- Costs associated with securing passports
- Costs associated with securing visas – travel and airport transit (approximately \$160 USD)
- Transportation to and from airport in participant's home country/state
- Incidental costs
- Conference fee (if you have not received a scholarship)
- **Empower Peace will not cover costs associated with the travel and airport visas or passport application process.**

## **Application Requirements/Process**

Women, older than twenty-one as of March 6, 2015, in the United States and around the world are welcome to apply as a teacher/education official for the Women2Women – America 2015 conference.

**The conference will be entirely conducted in English; therefore, participants, including teachers and education officials must have a strong ability to speak and understand English.**

In addition, Empower Peace is looking for applicants with the following abilities/interests:

- learning about other cultures, religions, and countries.
- political science/government, world events, media/journalism, community activism and/or business.
- active in community service activities and/or extracurricular activities.
- willing and able to work with a variety of individuals and teams from many different cultures, backgrounds and religions.
- demonstrate solid leadership qualities and abilities.
- make the most of this opportunity, and share their experiences with others in their schools and communities when they return home.

Applicants must provide a general health history with their application.

**Women2Women alumnae are eligible to apply as teacher/education officials and accompany a delegation.**

Applications must be submitted (online, e-mail or fax) or received (by mail) by **Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.** Final selections will be made, and applicants will be notified (by e-mail, phone, or post mail), no later than **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.**

A W2W 2015 Review Board will be responsible for the full application and selection process. Final acceptance for this conference will be made with consideration to the diversity of geographic, racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds represented in the full group of participants.

### **Applying as a Delegation\***

Applicants are encouraged to apply in delegations of 2-4 students, accompanied by a teacher or education official. Special consideration will be given to these groups. Each member of the delegation should apply individually, but indicate their delegation on the application.

**\* Please note: Applying as a delegation does not guarantee acceptance into the program or that all members of the delegation will be accepted.**

## **Applications can be submitted via mail, e-mail, online or fax.**

### **Mail**

Attn: Molly Lomenzo  
Women2Women International Leadership Program  
c/o Empower Peace  
240 Commercial Street, Suite 2B  
Boston, MA 02109  
USA

### **Fax**

International Fax Number: +001.617.570.9159  
Domestic Fax Number: 617-570-9159

### **Online:**

Student Application:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=mjkixfeZ3NLe9pLIUwDAoA>

Teacher/Education Official Application:

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=3HjnM4a18VclDOD8td7gDA>

### **E-Mail**

E-mail: [applications@empowerpeace.org](mailto:applications@empowerpeace.org)

- If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Tricia Raynard at +1.617.912.3821 or via e-mail at [traynard@empowerpeace.org](mailto:traynard@empowerpeace.org). You may also contact Kari Johnston at +1.617.912.3817 or [kjohnston@empowerpeace.org](mailto:kjohnston@empowerpeace.org).
- **All application forms must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST to be considered.**
- Teachers/education officials who have been selected to attend Women2Women – America 2015 will be contacted by primary e-mail or phone at their home address or by **Wednesday, May 20, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.**
- All information submitted in this application form is confidential and will be used for conference purposes only.
- For more information and new updates about Women2Women – America 2015 please visit our web site at **www.empowerpeace.org**.



Founded in 2003, Empower Peace bridges cultural and communication divide between young people worldwide. With a focus on connecting youth in the United States and Arab and Muslim world, Empower Peace uses the latest in interactive technologies and intensive leadership training to break down misconceptions and build meaningful relationships and skills. Through a global network of students and schools, Empower Peace is providing the next generation with the opportunities and tools needed to advance mutual respect, understanding, and peace.



WOMEN TO WOMEN  
**APPLICATION**

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- Complete the following application form. Please type or print clearly with a pen.
- **Applications must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.**
- Applications may be submitted by post mail, e-mail or fax.
- Confirmation e-mails will be sent to applicants within 72 hours or receipt.
- Send applications to:

**By Mail:**

Attn: Molly Lomenzo  
Women2Women International Leadership Program  
c/o Empower Peace  
240 Commercial Street, Suite 2B  
Boston, MA 02109  
USA

**By Fax:**

001.617.570.9159 - International  
617.570.9159 – Domestic

**By E-mail:**

applications@empowerpeace.org

Please contact Molly Lomenzo at +1.617.912.3806 or mlomenzo@empowerpeace.org if you have any questions or if you do not receive a confirmation e-mail after you have sent in your application.

Name as it Appears on Passport or License if Applicable

Date of Application (DD/MM/YYYY)

Home/Street Address

Telephone Number (Include Country Code)

City

Province/State

Postal Code

Country

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)

Place of Birth (City, State, Country)

Citizenship

E-mail Address (Please Print Clearly)

Please Check One:

- I am a United States citizen.
- I am not a United States citizen but am currently attending school/college in the United States.
- I am not a United States citizen and am not attending school/college in the United States.

Have you applied to the Women2Women Conference before?  YES  NO

If Yes, please tell us what year you applied.  2006  2007  2008  2009  2010  
 2011  2012  2013  2014

Have you attended the Women2Women Conference as a student participant?  YES  NO

If Yes, please tell us what year you attended.  2006  2007  2008  2009  2010

2011  2012  2013  2014

Have you attended the Women2Women Conference before as a teacher/education official?  YES  NO

If Yes, please tell us what year(s) you attended.  2006  2007  2008  2009  2010

2011  2012  2013  2014

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### Passport and Visa Information

In order to attend the W2W 2015 Conference, all international participants must have a valid passport. Your passport expiration date must be at least 6 months after August 8, 2015.

Do you currently hold a valid passport?  YES  NO

If yes, what country is your passport issued by?

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What is your passport number? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the expiration date on your passport? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you hold a valid passport, please attach a clear copy of the picture page of your passport to this application.**

Have you ever obtained a travel visa?  YES  NO

If yes, please list visa country and dates acquired.

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### Job/School Information

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Name of Current School/College/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Degrees Earned \_\_\_\_\_

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Courses Currently Taught \_\_\_\_\_

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Major Subjects/Academic Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us how you heard about Women2Women – America 2015 (US Embassy, e-mail, flyer, postcard, web site, at a conference, from a teacher/co-worker, friend, parent, etc.)

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These personal statements help us become better acquainted with you. It will demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself. Please try to limit your responses to 500 words for each question. The following questions are required.

Please tell us briefly about your job. (Please use additional paper if necessary. Additional sheets MUST be labeled with your name and attached to this application.)

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What do you hope to gain by attending the Women2Women – America 2015 Conference? How do you think you can use this experience in your job? (Please use additional paper if necessary. Additional sheets MUST be labeled with your name and attached to this application.)

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### Delegation Information

Are you applying as a member of a delegation?  YES  NO

If yes, please list all the participants in your delegation. A delegation may consist of 1 teacher and up to 4 students. Please include your name in the delegation list. **(Please note that not all members of a delegation may be selected to attend.)**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Scholarship Information

**There is a \$2,500 conference fee for all non-sponsored participants to cover housing and transportation costs. A limited number of scholarships are available. If you do not receive a scholarship, you are still welcome to attend but you must be able to provide the \$2,500 conference fee.**

Would you like to be considered for a scholarship?  YES  NO

Please tell us why you should be considered for a W2W 2015 scholarship:

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In order to monitor and promote the participation rate of women from various racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. **You are not required to respond.**

Racial/Ethnic Background (Check one)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian               | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify _____      |                                                              |

Religious Background: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the information in my application is my own information, factually true and honestly presented.

Signature of Teacher/Education Official

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

**Empower Peace will review all completed applications. By submitting this application to the Women2Women International Leadership Program, I understand that I am not guaranteed attendance.**

# HEALTH HISTORY

## WOMEN2WOMEN – AMERICA 2015

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First Name

Last Name

Middle Initial

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In Case of Emergency, please notify:

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First Name

Last Name

Relationship to Applicant

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Address

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City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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Home Phone

Work Phone

Cellular (Mobile) Phone (if applicable)

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Are you physically disabled?  YES  NO

I use a:  Wheelchair  Cane  Metal Walker  Other: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I am:  Blind or visually impaired  Accompanied by a guide dog  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am deaf or hearing impaired:  YES  NO

I require a sign language interpreter:  YES  NO  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you require Halal meat?  YES  NO

Do you require a Kosher diet?  YES  NO

Do you have any dietary needs?  YES  NO

Do you have any food allergies (ie. gluten, nuts, seeds, etc.)?  YES  NO

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Do you have any health problems that we need to be aware of?  YES  NO

Please describe your health problems below:

Do you have any allergies we should be aware of?  YES  NO

If yes, please list your allergies below.

Please list any medications that you are taking at the present time or will be taking during the conference:

**I certify the above statements to be true and correct and that to the best of my knowledge I am in good health and able to participate in this conference.**

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Signature of Teacher/Education Official:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

**EMPOWER PEACE WOMEN2WOMEN – AMERICA 2015 TEACHER/EDUCATION OFFICIAL  
RELEASE FORM**

Dear Applicant:

Women2Women – America 2015 (W2W 2015) is a program of the Women2Women International Leadership Program, and is an event sponsored by Empower Peace and numerous other corporate and community entities. This multimedia event is a unique combination of education, leadership training, entertainment, interactive dialogue, and inspiration. If you need additional information about this event, please contact Tricia Raynard at +1.617.912.3821 or [traynard@empowerpeace.org](mailto:traynard@empowerpeace.org) or Molly Lomenzo at +1.617.912.3806 or [mlomenzo@empowerpeace.org](mailto:mlomenzo@empowerpeace.org). In order to attend the conference, this form **MUST** be completed and returned by Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.

Participant's Name (as it appears on Passport or License): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/College/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (Include Country Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (Include Country Code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

Wheelchair Access       Sign Language Interpretation       Other Services

If you checked "Other Services," please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected, I agree to be a teacher/education official for my delegation. If I cannot attend for any reason, I agree to assist in finding a replacement. If selected, I hereby agree to participate in W2W 2015 from Wednesday, July 29, 2015 to Saturday, August 8, 2015, based at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. I understand that I will be returning home on Saturday, August 8, 2015. I understand that I am to attend all proceedings that are part of this conference. By signing this, I am granting my permission to be photographed on film or videotape for use in any Women2Women International Leadership Program and/or Empower Peace fund-raising or educational materials.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date (DD/MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember to send in all completed application forms Thursday, April 30, 2015 by 5:00 PM EST.**

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