



Women2Women-America 2014 Student Application Form

Women2Women America 2014
Thursday, August 7, 2014 - Saturday, August 16, 2014
Wheelock College
Boston, Massachusetts

Conference Information

Women2Women - America 2014 (W2W 2014) is a program of the Women2Women International Leadership Program sponsored by Empower Peace. W2W 2014 is an opportunity for young women ages 15-19 to participate in an educational cultural exchange in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. W2W 2014 will provide participants with the educational 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 ninth annual Women2Women conference. Nearly 700 young women from 46 countries have participated in the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED: TUESDAY, APRIL 15 AT 5 PM EST

Women2Women - America 2014: Claim Your Seat at the Table

The Women2Women - America 2014 conference will focus on how you can "Claim Your Seat at the Table" and empower other young women to do the same. You 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. You will meet with leading figures tackling these challenges on an international scale, and develop your leadership skills so you can make a difference. Perhaps most importantly, you will be joining a lifelong, global network of young 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 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; 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% of the income.
- 14 million girls aged 15-19 give birth in developing countries each year.
- Every minute of every day a pregnant woman dies from mostly preventable causes.
- 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.
- Women account for 55% of all college students, but even when women have equal years of education it does not translate into economic opportunities or political power.
- There are six million more women than men in the world.

There is no community in the world, unfortunately, 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 2014, students will learn how to claim their seat at the table and become part of the solution.

Schedule

W2W 2014 will take place from **Thursday, August 7, 2014 to Saturday, August 16, 2014**. August 7th and August 16th are considered travel days. International participants may begin their travel to Boston as early as August 6th. If you would like to see a copy of last year's schedule, please click the link below. The schedule will download as a word document.

[2013 Women2Women Schedule](#)

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 and education officials, 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, Rhode Island and New Hampshire 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, including teachers and education officials 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. International participants will receive an acceptance letter with all the details about where you will be staying and what Empower Peace will be providing.
- If selected to attend W2W 2014, you must obtain your passport and secure a visa interview as soon as possible. Participants should look to apply for a tourist visa.
- 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 may 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 all participants at Logan Airport in Boston and bring them to the conference.

Housing/Meals

- All participants, including teachers and chaperones, 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. There are communal bathrooms on each dorm floor. You will share your bathroom with one other room.
- Participants will be living in an area shared by other Wheelock students (non-conference participants).
- Participants are expected to abide by all Empower Peace and Wheelock College dorm rules. Rules will be provided in 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

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

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

Young women, between the ages of 15-19 as of **March 7, 2014** in the United States and around the world are welcome to apply for the Women2Women - America 2014 conference.

The conference will be entirely conducted in English; therefore, participants must have a strong ability to speak, read and understand English.

In addition, Empower Peace is looking for students 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 not eligible to apply as student participants.

Applications must be submitted (online, e-mail or fax) or received by mail by **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**. Final selections will be made, and applicants will be notified (by e-mail or phone), no later than **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. A W2W 2014 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 the names of the other students and the education official in their delegation on the application.

***NOTE:** Individuals applying as a delegation are evaluated separately and all members **are not** guaranteed acceptance.

Applications can be submitted via post mail, e-mail, online or fax

Online:

Please continue to complete the application online
The application contains 4 person personal statements (essays). This application may take **over one hour** to complete so plan accordingly.

Mail: Women2Women International Leadership Program

Attn: Kari Johnston
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

E-mail:

applications@empowerpeace.org

- If you are planning to email, fax or mail the application, please visit our web site, www.EmpowerPeace.org to download a word document of the application that can be handwritten or filled out on your computer.
- If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Kari Johnston at +1.617.912.3817 or via e-mail at kjohnston@empowerpeace.org. You may also contact Tricia Raynard at +1.617.912.3821 or via e-mail at traynard@empowerpeace.org.
- All applications must be received by **Tuesday, April 15, 2014** to be considered.
- Young women who have been selected to attend Women2Women - America will be contacted by e-mail or phone by **Thursday, May 1, 2014**
- All information submitted in this application form is confidential and will be used for conference purposes only.
- For more information and new updated about Women2Women - America 2014 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 an 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.

If you would like to continue on to the Women2Women - America 2014 Student Application, please hit Next, which is the first page of the application.



APPLICATION
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- Complete the following application form which may take over one hour to complete.
 - Applications must be completed by **Tuesday, April 15, 2014.**
 - Confirmation e-mails will be sent to applicants within 72 hours of receipt.
 - Please contact Kari Johnston at +1.617.912.3817 or kjohnston@empowrpeace.org if you have any questions or if you do not receive a confirmation e-mail within 72 hours of submitting your application.
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Date of Application	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>								
Name as it Appears on Your Passport or License (if applicable)									
Home Street Address									
City									
Province/State									
Postal Code									
Country									
Telephone Number (Include Country Code)									
E-Mail Address									
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)									
Place of Birth (City, State, Country)									
Citizenship									
Please Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a United States citizen <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a United States citizen but am currently attending school/college in the United States <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
If Yes, please tell us what year(s) you applied.	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"><tr><td>2006</td><td>2007</td><td>2008</td><td>2009</td><td>2010</td><td>2011</td><td>2012</td><td>2013</td></tr></table>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
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Passport and Visa Information

In order to attend the W2W 2014 Conference, all international participants must have a valid passport. **Your passport expiration date must be at least six months after August 17, 2014.**

Do you currently have a passport?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, what country is your passport issued from?			
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. Click Select File to attach your passport photo page.			
Please attach your picture page here by clicking Select File			
Have you ever obtained a travel visa before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please list visa country and dates acquired.			

School Information

Name of Current School/College/ Organization
What is your Current School Year or Occupation

High School and/or College Attended (if
not currently a student)

Major Subjects/Academic Interests

Degree Earned (if applicable)

Please tell us how you heard about
W2W - America 2014 (US Embassy, e-
mail, flyer, web site, at a conference,
from a teacher, friend, parent, word of
mouth etc.)

Please tell us about any extracurricular
activities and community service
programs you participate in.

Please continue the application on the next page - Click Next to continue

These personal statements help us become 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 four questions are required. You will not be able to continue to the next page of the application until you have completed the following four questions.

1. Tell us about yourself. Share with us something you have accomplished of which you are proud.

2. This conference attracts emerging leaders from all over the world, reflecting diverse cultures, religion and opinions. How do you see yourself engaging in this experience?

3. We will be discussing important issues affecting women and girls around the world. What are some ways you can share your experiences with others in your school and community?

One key element of Women2Women - America 2014 will be a discussion on women's rights. The term "women's rights" refers to the freedoms inherently possessed by women and girls of all ages, which may be institutionalized, ignored or suppressed by law, custom, and behaviors in a particular society.

4. To that end, what do you consider to be the most pressing women's issue confronting women in your country?
What do you consider to be the most pressing women's issue today for women everywhere?

Please continue the application on the next page - Click Next to continue

Conference Fee and Scholarship Information

There is a \$2,500 (USD) conference fee for all non-sponsored participants to partially 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 scholarship.

Are you applying as a member of a delegation? Yes No

If yes, please list the teacher/education official who will be traveling with you.

Please list the names of the other students in your delegation

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 (**Optional**)

Racial/Ethnic Background (check one)

American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian
Black or African American	White or Caucasian
Hispanic or Latina	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Arab	South Asian
Other: Please Specify	

Religious Background (if any)

You will be required to enter a digital signature below which will be binding as your actual signature. Your electronic signature below certifies that to the best of your knowledge the information in your application, including your essays, is your own work, factually true and honestly presented.

Applicant Signature - By typing my name and date of birth in the following box I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing my W2W application

Please continue the application on the next page - Click Next to continue

**HEALTH HISTORY
WOMEN2WOMEN - AMERICA 2014**

Full Name (First, Middle, Last)

In Case of Emergency, please notify:

Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

Address

City

State/Province

Country

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cellular (Mobile) Phone - if applicable

Do you require any of the following? Wheelchair Cane Metal Walker

Other - please specify

I am: Blind or visually impaired
Accompanied by a guide dog
Other - please specify

I am deaf or hearing impaired Yes
No

I require a sign language interpreter: Yes No
Other - please specify

Dietary Information

Do you require Halal meat? Yes No

Do you require a Kosher diet? Yes No

Do you have any food allergies (ie. gluten, nuts, etc.) Yes No
If yes, please specify

Do you have any dietary needs? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the previous three questions, please describe.

Do you have any health problems that we need to be aware of? Yes No

Please describe your health problems below.

Please continue the application on the next page - Click Next to continue

Do you have, or have you had, any of the following? Please mark YES or NO for each of the following.

	YES	NO
Anemia		
Asthma		
High Blood Pressure		
Hernia or Rupture		
Cancer, cyst, tumor or growth		
Jaundice or Hepatitis		
Kidney Trouble or Blood in Urine		
Chronic Cough or Colds		
Liver Trouble		
Seizures/Epilepsy		
Chest Pain or Shortness of Breath		
Chronic Knee Problems		
Depression or Excessive Worry		
Malaria		
Diabetes (Type 1 or Type 2)		
Dizziness/Fainting		
Nervous Breakdown		
Heart Palpitation/Arrhythmia		
Eye Trouble		
Reaction/Allergy to Medication(s)		
Rheumatism or Arthritis		
Skin Rash or Hives		
Frequent Indigestion or Heartburn		
Stomach Trouble, Ulcers, IBS		
Gall Bladder Trouble		
Swelling or Painful Joints		
Hay Fever or Allergies		
Headaches, Migraines		
Heart Trouble		
AIDS/HIV		
Are You Pregnant?		

If you answered yes to allergies, please list your allergies below.

If you have answered YES to any of the above, please give the nature, dates, periods of disability and results.

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

On the final step of your Health Form you will be required to enter a digital signature which will be binding as your actual signature. Your electronic signature below certifies that to the best of your knowledge you are in good health and able to participate in this conference.

By typing my name and date of birth in the following box I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing my W2W application

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a parent/guardian electronically sign your Health History form.

**Electronic Signature of Parent/
Guardian**

By typing my name and date of birth in the following box I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

EMPOWER PEACE WOMEN2WOMEN - AMERICA 2014 PARTICIPANT RELEASE FORM

Dear Women2Women Applicant:

Women2Women - America 2014 (W2W 2014) 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 +1.617.912.9821 or traynard@empowerpeace.org. In order to attend the conference, this form **MUST** be completed by **Tuesday, April 15, 2014.**

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

Name of School/Sponsoring
Organization (if applicable)

Home Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

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 Required - please explain

If selected, I hereby agree to participate in W2W 2014 from **Thursday, August 7 to Saturday, August 16, 2014**, based at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. I understand that I will be returning home on Saturday, August 16, 2014 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.

On the final step you will be required to enter a digital signature which will be binding as your actual signature. Your electronic signature below indicates your agreement with the above statements.

By typing my name and date of birth in the following box I certify the information in the application to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing my W2W 2014 application.

Parent/Guardian Consent

To be completed for all participants under the age of 18 before **April 15, 2014**.

I hereby grant permission for the individual named above to participate in Women2Women-2014 from Thursday, August 7, 2014 to Saturday, August 16, 2014 based at Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. I understand that the individual named above will be returning home on Saturday, August 16, 2014 and is to attend all proceedings that are part of this conference. By signing this, I am granting my permission for the individual named above to be photographed on film or videotape for use in any Women2Women International Leadership Program and/or Empower Peace fund-raising or educational materials.

By typing **parent/guardian name** and date of birth in the following box I certify the information in the application to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing this W2W 2014 application.

Date Application Completed

For more information about Empower Peace or W2W 2014, please visit our web site at www.EmpowerPeace.org.

This is the end of the application. Should you have any questions, please contact Kari Johnston at +1.617.912.3817 or via e-mail at kjohnston@empowerpeace.org.

You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 72 hours of receipt of your completed application.