Community College Initiative (CCI) Program

Scholarship awards for the 2021-2022 Community College Initiative (CCI) Program are contingent on the appropriation of Federal funding by the United States Congress

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM
STUDENT APPLICATION 2021-2022

Personal Information

Name of applicant *as indicated on passport if passport is already issued. Please type or print.*

SURNAME/FAMILY NAME (write in all capital letters)	First/Given Name	Middle Name(s)

Home Address: Street and number: City: State/province: Postal code: Country:	**Home Phone:** **Mobile Phone:** **E-mail:** **Location where you currently live:** ☐ Federal Capital ☐ Major City ☐ Other City/Town ☐ Rural Area

Gender:	**Marital status:** ☐ Single ☐ Married	**Do you have a passport?** ☐ Yes ☐ No	**Date of birth (month/day/year):** Month of birth: Day of birth: Year of birth:

Country/Countries of citizenship: Country/Countries of permanent residence:	**Place of birth (city or town and country, as listed in passport, if available):** City of birth: Country:

Are you currently a student? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, I am currently a… ☐ High School Student ☐ Undergraduate Student ☐ Other: Name of college/institution enrolled: I am currently studying ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time I am enrolled in a degree program. ☐ Yes ☐ No	**What is the highest educational degree you have completed?** ☐ High School ☐ Postsecondary Study Number of years of study completed: _____ ☐ Other: _____ Number of years of study completed: _____

Have you participated in any U.S. government exchange program? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, give name of the program:

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Duration of the program:	Year you participated:

Your proposed Field of Study during the Community College Initiative Program:
Applicants must apply in only 1 field of study*. Select your preferred field of study from the options below. Then, select 3 concentration areas in that same field of study and note the order of your preference.*
You must select 3 options within the same field of study – subfield concentration areas are not guaranteed and are contingent upon host college availability.

Field of Study (check 1):	**Concentration Area (check 2 or 3):**		**Rank Order Preference (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)**		
☐Agriculture	☐Agribusiness		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Agricultural Geospatial Technology		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Agricultural Production Management		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Animal Science		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Environmental Horticulture and Conservation		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Parks and Natural Resources		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Small Scale Food Production		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Sustainable Agriculture		1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Applied Engineering	☐Architecture		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Automotive Technology or Service Management		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Computer Aided Design		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Construction Management		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Electro Mechanical Technology		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Electrical Systems Maintenance		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Electrical Technology		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Electricity and Electronics Technology		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Machine Repair: Automated Systems		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Manufacturing Technology		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Mechatronics		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Robotics		1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Welding		1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Business Management and Administration	*Banking and Finance*	☐Accounting	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Banking	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Bookkeeping	1☐	2☐	3☐
	Entrepreneurship	☐Business Planning	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Entrepreneurship	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Small Business Management	1☐	2☐	3☐
	Marketing and Public Relations	☐Customer Service	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Marketing	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Promotions and Public Relations	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Social Media Marketing	1☐	2☐	3☐
	Management and Administration	☐Administrative Professional	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Business Management	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Business Operations Support Services	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Human Resources	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐International/Global Business	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Leadership Development	1☐	2☐	3☐
		☐Logistics/Global Supply Chain Management	1☐	2☐	3☐

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	☐Manufacturing	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Organizational Leadership	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Project Management	1☐	2☐	3☐

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Field of Study (check 1):	**Concentration Area (check 2 or 3):**	**Rank Order Preference (1 is highest, 3 is lowest)**		
☐Early Childhood Education	☐Administration of an ECE Center	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Early and School-Age Care Specialist	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Early Childhood Education and Development	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Special Education	1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Information Technology	☐Computer Information Systems (CIS)/Computer Science (CS)	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Computer Internetworking Technologies (CIT)	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐IT Technician: Desktop Support, Computer Support, Network Technician	1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Media	☐Digital Media/Animation	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Film Studies/ Motion Picture/ Television	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Graphic Design	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Journalism	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Public & Media Relations	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Social Media Marketing	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Web Design	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Web Development	1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Public Safety	☐Fire Sciences, Protection and Safety	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Emergency Services	1☐	2☐	3☐
☐Tourism and Hospitality Management	☐Hospitality and Hotel Management	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Meeting, Event, and Exhibition Planning	1☐	2☐	3☐
	☐Tourism	1☐	2☐	3☐

To pursue certificates in a field of study, you will likely be required to repeat entry-level courses you have taken in your home country to meet prerequisite requirements for the certificate. A certificate in the selected subfield is not guaranteed. Official copies of any post-secondary transcripts and course syllabi or other documentation of course content and your performance from your home institution may be considered for evaluating if you have already satisfied the prerequisite requirements, but this process requires precise documentation and is not guaranteed. You will need to bring official copies of your education records with you to the United States for host campus evaluation.

Knowledge of Languages: Rate yourself *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*. Include all languages that you speak or have studied, including English. List your native language first.

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening

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English Language Proficiency: If you have taken any standardized test of English language proficiency (for example TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS) please list the test taken, give the results, and provide a copy of the test results.

Test Taken: Date Taken: Results (*also attach copy*):

Background Information

Educational History: Please list educational institutions that you are currently attending or have attended with the most recent listed first. Please attach a translated and certified copy of your transcripts for any institution from which you received a certificate, diploma, or degree.

Name of Institution/Location	**Major Field of Study**	**Dates Attended** *(Month, Year)* **From**	**To**	**Actual Name of Degree or Diploma** (Do not translate)	**Type of Education** (Select one)	**Date Degree Received / Anticipated Completion Date**
Current or Most Recent Education:					☐ High School ☐ Postsecondary ☐ Other:	
Previous Education:					☐ High School ☐ Postsecondary ☐ Other: _____	

Work Experience: Are you currently employed? ☐ **Yes, full-time** ☐ **Yes, part-time** ☐ **No**

List jobs held, begin with current or most recent employment. (Continue on additional sheets of paper, if necessary)

Name and address of employer	**Position held**	**Date From: (Month/ Year)**	**Date To: (Month/ Year)**	**Responsibilities**
Current Position:				

Professional Experience: In addition to jobs held, please list relevant professional non-paid, volunteer and/or leadership positions or experiences.

Position	Date From: (Month/ Year)	Date To: (Month/ Year)	Responsibilities

Are you currently employed or have you been employed in the previous 12 months for the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an immediate family member of someone who is currently employed or has been employed in the previous 12 months by the U.S. Department of State and/or the USAID? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have traveled or lived in any country other than your own, indicate the places where you traveled, the dates of that travel (month and year), and the purpose of the travel. (Continue on additional sheets of paper, if necessary)

Country	Dates of Travel	Purpose of Travel

Emergency Contact Information: Below, provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of individuals to be notified in case of an emergency.

Name of individual	Location & address of individual	Indicate relationship to you (father, mother, friend, etc.)	Languages this person speaks
List contacts in your country			
	Address: **Telephone:** **Email:**		
	Address: **Telephone:** **Email:**		
List contacts in the United States, if any			
	Address: **Telephone:** **Email:**		

Please list family members who have participated in a U.S. government-sponsored exchange program in the United States. (Continue on additional sheets of paper, if necessary)

Name of individual	Relationship	Name of program	Program dates

Please list any family members who are currently applying to participate in a 2021 or 2022 U.S. government-sponsored exchange program in the United States. (Continue on additional sheets of paper, if necessary)

Name of individual	Relationship	Name of program	Program dates

Essays. Please type or write neatly on separate sheets of paper.

Essay #1: Within your proposed field of study, what do you want to study? Please describe in detail your specific concentration areas of interest within your field of study. (Your response should be a minimum of 250 words. Your response helps us to match your interests with college programs.)

Essay #2: Please describe your related experience within this field of study. How would this program of study build on your past education, training, and/or experience? If you are new to this field, why did you choose this field? (Your response should be a minimum of 250 words. Your response helps us to match your interests with college programs.)

Essay #3: The CCI Program focuses on five pillars: academics, cultural exchange, service learning, internships, and leadership and action planning. How will you benefit from participating in a holistic program where every pillar has equal importance?

Essay #4: Please describe your short-term goals that you want to accomplish in each of the following areas. These goals will help you to maximize your experiences *during* the program. (Your response should be a minimum of 150 words for each area.)

- Preparation goals (prior to participating in the program):
- Professional and/or educational goals:
- Personal development goals:
- Learning about U.S. culture and sharing your culture with others:

Essay #5: Please describe your long-term goals that you want to accomplish in the first few months *upon returning home* after the CCI Program. (Your response should be a minimum of 150 words for each area.)

- Professional and/or educational goals:
- Personal development goals:
- Sharing what you have learned and giving back to your local community after the CCI Program:
- How will the five pillars of the CCI Program and your short-term goals help you to achieve your long-term goals?

Essay #6:
a.) What are three leadership traits or characteristics that are important to you?
b.) Give an example of a time that you demonstrated at least one of these traits and improved a situation.

Essay #7: Please describe a problem or challenging situation in your educational, professional, or personal life and describe how you resolved it and what you learned from this situation. How did you demonstrate flexibility during this challenging time?

Essay #8: The CCI Program is an intensive program with high expectations. Describe a time when you have demonstrated the ability to go above and beyond general requirements. What will you contribute to your CCI community that will create an environment where everyone will strive for excellence and try to maximize their opportunities?

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APPLICATION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I completed this application myself, that the information given in this application is complete and accurate, and that I have carefully read and understand it. I also certify that I meet eligibility requirements.

I understand that program administrators reserve the right to verify all the information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will eliminate me from the competition or cause my dismissal from the Community College Initiative Program.

Also, I acknowledge that I am aware of the following program requirements:

- I must follow all program rules and regulations and observe all the laws of the United States during my stay there.
- At the end of the academic year program, I will return to my home country and fulfill a two-year, home country residency requirement in compliance with the terms of my J-visa. I understand that I may not extend my program dates.
- My spouse, children, other relatives or individuals are not permitted to accompany me to the United States on the program.

All applicants must submit the following documents for an application to be considered complete:

- ☐ Application Form: Applicants must provide complete information for all questions. Do not leave a question blank. If it does not apply to you, write "NA" for Not Applicable. Sign and date the application form.
- ☐ Essay Questions: Applicants must answer each question. Answers must be the applicant's own work.
- ☐ Secondary School Diploma: A copy of the applicant's secondary school diploma, with an English translation.
- ☐ Transcripts: A copy of applicant's transcript for most recent year of study completed (high school or undergraduate). The transcript may be in the language of instruction, with an English translation.
- ☐ English Test Results, *if available*: Provide official English test score report.
- ☐ International Passport, *if available*: Provide a copy of your passport data page. If you do not have an international passport yet, it is highly recommended that you begin the process of applying for a passport (including obtaining any required local documents) as it may take a significant amount of time to receive this document.
- ☐ Any country-specific requirements

_____ _____

Signature of applicant Date (month/day/year)