



Women2Women – America 2009

Saturday, August 1, 2009 – Saturday, August 8, 2009

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 2009 (W2W 2009) is a program of the Women2Women International Leadership Program sponsored by Empower Peace. W2W 2009 is an opportunity for young women ages 15-19 to participate in an educational cultural exchange in and around Boston, Massachusetts, USA. W2W 2009 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.

Women2Women America 2009: Claim Your Seat at the Table

When women and girls have the opportunity to participate fully in every aspect of society, communities and countries are changed for the better. The Women2Women – America 2009 conference will focus on how you can “Claim Your Seat at the Table” and empower other young women to do the same. 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 your leadership skills so you 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.
- 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.

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 2009, you will learn how to claim your seat at the table and become part of the solution.

Schedule

W2W 2009 will take place from Saturday, August 1, 2009 – Saturday, August 8, 2009. August 1st and August 8th are considered travel days. 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 and teachers/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 (other than those from Massachusetts) 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 participants at the airport and bring them to the conference.
- Transportation for all conference activities will be arranged through Empower Peace.
- Participants from Massachusetts 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...

- 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 greet participants at the airport and bring them to the conference.
- Transportation for all conference activities will be arranged through Empower Peace.
- If accepted, participants will need to obtain a valid passport (if they do not already have one).
- Empower Peace will provide necessary documentation to help secure a visa interview to travel to the United States.
- Empower Peace will enroll international participants in the Visit USA HealthCare Insurance Plan.
- 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.**
- If selected to attend W2W 2009, you must obtain your passport and secure a visa interview as soon as possible.

Housing/Meals

- Participants will be housed in dorms at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA during the entire conference. Cambridge is approximately 5 miles (about 8km) outside Boston.
- Students will have at least one roommate from another delegation. Teachers will have their own room at Lesley University.
- Empower Peace will provide all meals during the conference.

Financial Responsibilities

There is a \$500 (USD) conference fee for all participants including teacher/education officials to partially cover housing and transportation costs. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants who cannot afford the conference fee. We encourage everyone to apply even if you cannot afford the conference fee.

Costs covered by Empower Peace

- Air travel to and from the conference
- Ground transportation in the United States and to and from Lesley University
- Food
- Lodging
- All costs connected to speakers, and conference development and implementation
- **Empower Peace will not cover costs associated with the visa or passport application process.**

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

- Costs associated with securing passports
- Costs associated with securing visas (approximately \$100 USD)
- Transportation to and from airport in participant's home country/state
- Incidental costs
- Conference fee

Application Requirements/Process

Young women, between the ages of 15-19 as of August 1 2009, in the United States and around the world are welcome to apply for the Women2Women – America 2009 conference. The conference will be entirely conducted in

English; therefore, **participants must have a strong ability to speak and understand English.** In addition, Empower Peace is looking for applicants with the following abilities/interests:

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

Applicants must provide a general health history with their application. **Women2Women alumni are not eligible to apply as participants.**

Applications must be submitted by Saturday, April 18, 2009. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected for a telephone interview. Final selections will be made, and applicants will be notified (by e-mail, phone, or post mail), no later than June 1, 2009. A W2W 2009 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 or fax.

Mail

Attn: Tricia Raynard
Women2Women International Leadership Program
c/o Empower Peace
44 Bromfield Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
USA

Fax

International & Domestic Fax Number: +1.617.536.6409

E-Mail

Email: 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. You may also contact Kara Doran at +1.617.912.3835 or kdoran@empowerpeace.org

All application forms must be received by Saturday, April 18, 2009 to be considered.

Young women who have been selected to attend Women2Women – America 2009 will be contacted by e-mail, phone or post mail at their school or home address by Monday, June 1, 2009.

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 2009 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.



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APPLICATION

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- Complete the following application form. Please type or print clearly with a pen.
- Applications must be received by Saturday, April 18, 2009.
- 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:

The Women2Women International Leadership Program
c/o Empower Peace
44 Bromfield Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
USA

By Fax:

001.617.536.6409

By E-mail:

applications@empowerpeace.org

Please contact Tricia Raynard at +1.617.912.3821 or traynard@empowerpeace.org if you have any questions or if you do not receive a confirmation email 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 (DD/MM/YYYY) _____ 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

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

Name of School/College/Organization

Job Title

Degrees Earned

Courses Currently Taught

Major Subjects/Academic Interests

Please tell us how you heard about Women2Women – America 2009 (e-mail, flyer, postcard, web site, at a conference, from a teacher/co-worker, friend, parent, etc.)

Please tell us briefly about your job.

What do you hope to gain by attending the Women2Women – America 2009 Conference? How do you think you can use this experience in your job?

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

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There is a \$500 conference fee for all participants to partially cover housing and transportation costs. A limited number of scholarships are available. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship please check here. YES

Do you currently hold a valid passport? YES NO

If yes, what country(s)? _____
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.

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

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First Name

Last Name

Middle Initial

In Case of Emergency, please notify:

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to Applicant

Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cellular Phone (if applicable)

I use a: Wheelchair Cane 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 _____

Do you require Halal meat? YES NO

Do you require a Kosher diet? YES NO

Do you have any dietary needs? YES NO

If you answered yes to any of the previous 3 questions, please describe below.

Do you have any health problems that we need to be aware of? YES NO If yes, please describe below:

Do you have, or have you had, any of the following? (Mark YES or NO for each):

	YES	NO
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hernia or Rupture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer, Cyst, Tumor or Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hemorrhoids or Rectal trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coughing Up, Spitting or Vomiting Blood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jaundice or Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chills, Fever, Night Sweats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kidney Trouble or Blood in Urine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chronic Cough or Colds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liver Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convulsions or Fits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Appetite, Chronic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chest Pain or Shortness of Breath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Locked" Knee or "Trick Joint"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depression or Excessive Worry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malaria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes or Sugar in Urine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nervous Trouble of Any Sort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nervous Breakdown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ear, Nose or Throat Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Numbness, Weakness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Palpitation or Pounding Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eye Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reaction From Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recent Gain or Loss of Weight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fatigue, Chronic or Frequent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rheumatism or Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foot Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scarlet Fever or Rheumatic Fever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent or Painful Urination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Severe Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent Trouble Sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skin Rash or Hives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent Indigestion or Heartburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stomach Trouble, Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gall Bladder Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swelling or Painful Joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hay Fever or Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuberculosis or Pleurisy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headaches, Frequent or Severe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Varicose Veins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Venereal Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are You Pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered **YES** to any of the above, please give the nature, dates, periods of disability and results. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

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

I certify that to the best of my knowledge I am in good health and able to participate in this conference.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

EMPOWER PEACE WOMEN2WOMEN – AMERICA 2009 TEACHER RELEASE FORM

Dear Applicant:

Women2Women – America 2009 (W2W 2009) 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. In order to attend the conference, this form **MUST** be completed and returned by Saturday, April 18, 2009.

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: _____

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 2009 from Saturday, August 1, 2009 to Saturday, August 8, 2009, based at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. I understand that I will be returning home on Saturday, August 8, 2009. 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)

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