

UNIVERSITY OF Nebraska Omaha



Montenegro BOLD (Balkanski Omladinski Lideri - Balkan Youth Leaders) Civic Engagement Fellowship Application

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Introduction

BOLD (Balkanski omladinski lideri - Balkan Youth Leaders) Civic Engagement Fellowship Program

Eligibility Criteria

In collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica's Office of Public Diplomacy, the UNO BOLD Civic Engagement Fellowship Program Team will identify, recruit, and nominate a group of civic youth leaders to be BOLD Fellow finalists from Montenegro.

To be eligible to apply for the 2025 cohort, you must meet all the criteria below:

- Must be between ages 18-25 (during the time of application)
- Must have a permanent residence in Montenegro
- Must be a current student or a recent university graduate in Montenegro
- Must have civic engagement ideas for a project in their community that can be implemented within five months after their return from the United States.
- Must be willing to become part of a larger network and cooperate with their counterparts across Montenegro and the rest of the Balkans
- Little or no prior experience in the U.S.

- Must be present in Montenegro for follow-on project implementation from the end of September 2025 to the end of February 2026

Individuals in the following circumstances are not eligible for the BOLD Program:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States
- Local employees of the U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Employees are also ineligible for one year following the termination of employment
- Immediate family members (i.e. spouses and children) of U.S. Department of State and USAID employees; family members are also ineligible for one year following the termination of employment.

Program Timeline

- Call for applications opens: December 16, 2024
- Call for applications closes: February 28, 2025

- Interviews with selected semifinalists: April 2025
- Notification of finalists: By the beginning of May 2025
- Pre-departure virtual sessions: May 19-June 20, 2025
- Five-week academic residency and educational tour in the US: August 16-September 19, 2025
- Action Plan implementation: September 22, 2025-February 28, 2026 Upon return to their country, with the assistance of our program staff, successful BOLD exchange participants from Montenegro will receive seed funding to carry out their projects by February 28, 2026.

Applicant Information

Upload Passport Data Page (File size less than 500KB)

**The data page is the page with your image and personal information. The image can be a current or expired passport. If you do not have a passport, upload an image of your government issued ID.*

Applicant's Full Name:

**Please put your full name as written on your passport.*

Last Name:

First Name:

Gender:

**Please indicate your gender as written on your passport.*

- Male
- Female
- Not specify

Place of Birth:

**Please put your place of birth as written on your passport.*

Date of Birth (MM, DD, YYYY):

Country of Birth:

Citizenship:

Current Place of Residence:

Address:

City:

Country:

Postal Code:

Contact Information:

Phone:

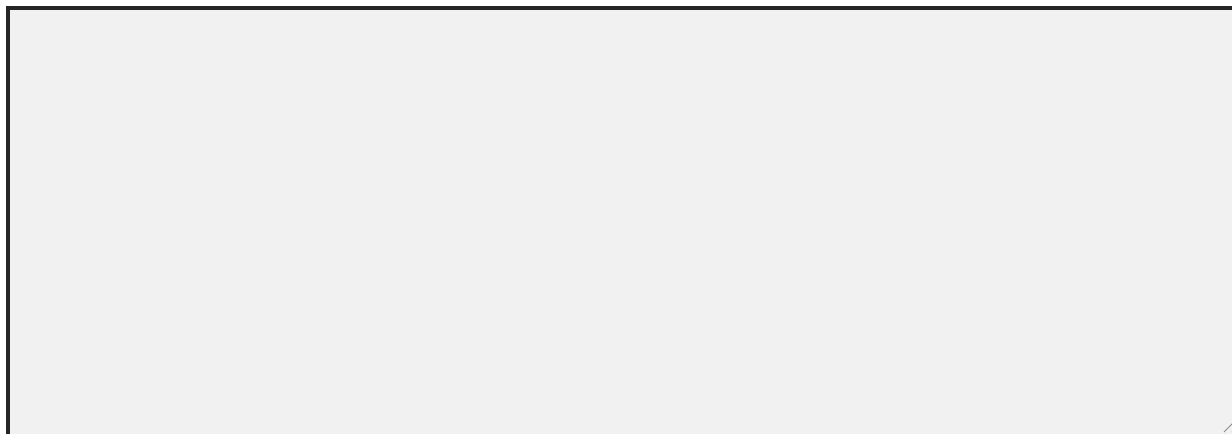
Email:

Emergency Contact
Phone:

Emergency Contact
Name and
Relationship:

Medical, Dietary, Disability and other Personal Considerations:

**Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions, or any other dietary or personal considerations. This will not affect applicant's eligibility but will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations.*



Academic Credentials

High School or Secondary School Information

Institution



City and Country

Current Year in
School (e.g. 1st, 2nd,
3rd, 4th)

Graduation Date
(Past or
Prospective)

Academic Major, Institution/University (if applicable)

Major

Institution/University

City and Country

Degree (Bachelor's or
Master's)

Graduation Date
(Past or
Prospective)

Current Year in
University (e.g. 1st,
2nd, 3rd, 4th)

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Master's)

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(Past or

Prospective)

Current Year in
University (e.g. 1st,
2nd, 3rd, 4th)

Please Attach your latest transcript or diploma, if you are a recent graduate.

Work Experience

Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:

1.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:

2.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Work Experience, including full-time and part-time employment:

3.

Dates:

Title of the
institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Internship & Volunteer Experience

Internship and Volunteer Experience:

1.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Internship and Volunteer Experience:

2.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Internship and Volunteer Experience:

3.

Dates:

Title of the institution:

Job title:

Describe Position:
(200 words max)

Membership in Associations and Clubs

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1.

Dates:

Association:

Position:

Describe
Position/Association:
(200 words max)

Membership in Associations and Clubs

2.

Dates:

Association:

Position:

Describe
Position/Association:
(200 words max)

Previous Visit to the United States

Have you previously visited the U.S. for any reason?

Yes

No

Please answer the following questions about your visit to the U.S.

Dates of Visit:

Purpose of Visit:

Family Residing in the United States

Family Residing in the United States:

Do you have close family residing in the U.S.?

Yes

No

Please list the family member's name, city and state (Example:
John Doe - Chicago, IL)



Evidence of English Language Fluency

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Please note below if you have taken a language proficiency test, lived abroad, or taken English language course. If you have taken a language proficiency test, please provide the date it was taken and your test score. If you have not taken any tests, please indicate your level of English language proficiency based on the courses you might have taken at school or other language-learning institutions.

Response 500 words max.



Attach one letter of recommendation in English.

Preferably, this letter should come from someone that can attest to your civic engagement work or interests.

Personal Statement

Personal Statement:

Tell us about yourself, your civic engagement experience, and your aspirations. Why do you want to participate in the BOLD Civic Engagement Fellowship on Civic Engagement? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Response 500 words max.



Brief Project Proposal

Brief Project Proposal:

As part of the BOLD Civic Engagement Fellowship, participants will develop and implement an Action Plan for a project that addresses a civic engagement issue in their community. This could be a plan to enhance an existing project or create a new

one. Please answer the following questions: What is the civic engagement problem/issue you wish to address? Why is this an important issue to address? Who is the target population you intend to serve? What are some of the main goals/objectives for the project? What key activities do you envision?

Response 500 words max.

Are you planning to be in Montenegro from September 2024 to the end of February 2025?

Statement of Applicant

By signing below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in all parts of my application is true, accurate, and complete, I understand that any falsification, misrepresentation, or omission may result in the withdrawal of the application or termination. In addition, I understand acceptance to the BOLD Civic Engagement Fellowship is subject to the policies of the BOLD Program. I understand that additional information may be requested and, if I am selected for the Fellowship, the terms of my acceptance could be altered based on those materials.

This is the last part of the application. Once you click to the next section, you will not be able to go back to previous parts of the application.

Full Name

Date

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