



Turkmenistan Youth and Civic Values Foundation

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Program Name: Turkmen Advisory Council

Title: Consultant

Location: Worldwide (online)

Program Length: 1 year

OPEN TO: Citizens of Turkmenistan - **APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 15, 2010**

Position Description: The Turkmen Advisory Council (TAC) provides consulting services to the Foundation and other organizations by (i) reviewing and providing feedback on current programs; (ii) brainstorming and providing recommendations for new programs; and (iii) helping implement changes to those programs. Seven consultants make up the TAC.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Commitment to finding the best ways for orgs to help Turkmen help themselves.
- 1 year commitment (August 2010- August 2011)
- Monthly Skype conference calls and weekly e-mails with Program Managers
- Around 3 hours/week of independent work on a computer; the work is the following:
 - o Reviewing current Foundation programs and providing feedback
 - o Gathering and analyzing information
 - o Providing proposals for future programming and implementation

Benefits:

- \$300 US: (\$100 at first, and \$200 upon successful completion)
- Excellent networking opportunities with non-profits
- Leadership, organization, & team-orientation skills
- Intellectually bonding experience in a non-profit organization.
- Recommendations/Reference from the Foundation

Qualifications:

- Good verbal and written English communication skills
- Responsible organizational skills and flexible professional attitude
- Computer skills: word processing, email, and Internet
- Ability to work in a team and independently
- Previous volunteer experience desirable
- Successful participation in other programs desirable
- Strong academic high school/ university records desirable

How to Apply: We invite Turkmen citizens from all around the world to apply.

About the Foundation: The Turkmenistan Youth and Civic Values Foundation (the "Foundation") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to developing and encouraging civic values, international experience, and community engagement in the peoples of Turkmenistan. The Foundation is unique in that it is devoted exclusively to the development of Turkmenistan.

To apply for the Turkmen Advisory Council, **please fill out and send this application to tac@tycvf.org** no later than **July 15, 2010**. Also, please email a copy of your high school/university transcript. ***Note: Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Name (Family, Given):

E-mail:

Phone:

Permanent Address:

City: _____ Velayat: _____ Postal Code: _____

Do you have a temporary address (if you are living outside of Turkmenistan?):

Birthday: Month: _____ Day _____ Year: _____

Graduation: Where do you go, or did you go to high school? What year will you or did you graduate from high school?

Answer:

College/University Education: Have you had any school after high school?

Answer:

Computer Access: Do you have an access to a computer for 3-4 hours/week at home?

Answer:

Internet Access: As you know, each of the chosen scholars will be required to be present at the monthly Skype-conference call meetings. How do you plan to get access to Skype?

Answer:

English: Tell us your level of English, in your own words:

Answer:

Please answer in *no more* than 100-200 words:

1. Tell us a little bit about your family and where you came from.
2. This job is about providing advice on how organizations like the Foundation can better help Turkmen help themselves. Do you regularly provide advice (to your friends, to your work colleagues)? Tell us about it.
3. Again, this job is about providing advice on how organizations like the Foundation can better help Turkmen help themselves. Have you received help from an organization

(American Corner, IREX, a European embassy program, etc.) and if so, which program(s)? Was the help useful?

4. What kind of volunteer experience have you had in the past?
5. Have you ever traveled outside your Welayat or outside Turkmenistan? If so, where?

Please read the following and write a *250-400 word* essay on **ONE** of the questions.

Helping people help themselves is what the Foundation does, because we believe in a concept of the self-made person. In his *Autobiography*, Benjamin Franklin describes his way of turning into a self-made person. Franklin starts from a poor, unknown son of a candle-maker to becoming a very successful business man and highly acknowledged member of the American society. As a secret of his success, Franklin highly stresses the significance of education for self-improvement. However, Franklin is not alone. In the history of every continent and every country there are many examples of self-made people: Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela, Sandra Day O'Connor, Andrew Carnegie, Saparmyrat Turkmenbashy, Walt Disney, etc. These self-made men and women often had to overcome great obstacles to achieve their goals. Self-made people attain their success through education, hard work, and sheer willpower.

- (1) Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or challenge you have faced and its impact on you.
- (2) What would you like to accomplish in the nearest 5-10 years to become a "self-made" person?

Please e-mail completed application to tac@tycvf.org