**STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE  
FOR STUDENT LEADERS FROM EUROPE**

**SUMMER 2023 APPLICATION FORM**

The Study of the U.S. Institute on Civic Engagement, hosted by Michigan State University during the summer of 2023, will provide participants with an overview of how citizens have shaped U.S. history, government, and society both as individuals and groups. The academic program will define civic engagement; examine its development in the United States; and explore topics such as citizenship, community building, economic development, grassroots activism, political leadership, and volunteerism. In order to enhance the academic experience, the Institute will focus on specific themes such as civil rights and protections, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), citizen journalism, social movements, education, governance, minority communities, leadership, and media.

The deadline to apply for the 2023 Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders is **December 19, 2022**. Applications should consist of 1) a completed application form, 2) a personal statement, and 3) two recommendations.

**I. PERSONAL & CONTACT INFORMATION**

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| **1. LAST NAME** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **2. FIRST NAME** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **3. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **4. COUNTRY OF LEGAL Residence** | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **5. PLACE OF BIRTH** | | **City:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Country:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **5. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)** | | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **6. GENDER** | | Male  Female  Other/ Prefer not to specify |
| **7. HOME ADDRESS** | **Street:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **City:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Zip Code:** Click or tap here to enter text.  **Country:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **8. TELEPHONE** | **Home phone**: Click or tap here to enter text.  **Mobile phone**: Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **9. EMAIL ADDRESS** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |

**10. Have you ever traveled outside of Belgium?**  Yes    No

**10b. If yes, please list all countries:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**11. Have you ever traveled to the United States?**  Yes    No

**11b. If yes, please explain your previous travel experience in the United States in the box below.**

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| Click or tap here to enter text. |

**15. Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions or other dietary and personal consideration in the box below. The information you provide will not affect your selection in the program, but will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations.**

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| **16. EMERGENCY CONTACT** | **Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Relationship to applicant:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Phone Number:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Email Address:** Click or tap here to enter text. |

**II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

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| **17. NAME OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTION** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **18. MAJOR / FIELD OF STUDY** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **19. EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**20. Please rank your English language proficiency in the following areas:**

Speaking: Fair Good Excellent

Reading: Fair Good Excellent

Writing: Fair Good Excellent

**20b. If you have previously taken an official English language exam (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS), please list the name of the exam, your score and the date when you took the examination. (This is not required.)**

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| exam: Click or tap here to enter text. | Date: Click or tap to enter a date. | Score: Click or tap here to enter text. |

**21. Please list and describe all volunteer positions, work experience, awards/prizes, and leadership positions you have held within the past four years** **in the box below.**

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**III. APPLICATION PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**As part of the SUSI application process, candidates need to submit a typed personal statement about their background and goals. In up to 500 words, please address the following questions and include other information about your personal background and goals. Please include this personal statement on a separate page in your application.**

* What about your background and/or interests makes you competitive for the SUSI exchange program?
* What will you contribute to the program?
* How do you expect your participation in the SUSI exchange program to affect your local community or, region/country?
* How will the SUSI exchange affect you personally or professionally?

**IV. RECOMMENDATION #1**

**In order to be considered for the Study of the U.S. Institute, you must submit TWO completed recommendation forms. These forms may be completed by a supervisor at work, a professor/academic advisor/dean, or a community leader who knows you well and is familiar with your academic and/or professional work. Relatives and friends of the applicant may not complete this recommendation form. This form should be typewritten in English, and all recommendations must be signed at the bottom.**

Name of Evaluator/Referee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Title of Evaluator: Click or tap here to enter text. Work Institution: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Please respond to the following questions to evaluate the candidate.**

1. How long have you known the applicant? Click or tap here to enter text.

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? Check all that apply.

Teacher  Job Supervisor  Other (please specify)

3. Please evaluate the applicant as compared to other students in terms of the characteristics below. (If you do not feel that you are capable to judge the student on this quality, please select N/A.)

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|  | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | N/A |
| Leadership potential |  |  |  |  |  |
| Problem-solving skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Creative/independent thinking |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interpersonal skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Respect for others |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest in other countries, cultures |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest in community service |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity |  |  |  |  |  |

4. Please choose one of the following: Choose an item.

**Please submit short statements in the space provided, giving a candid evaluation of the applicant’s past academic and/or work performance. You may choose to attach additional pages if necessary.**

How would you evaluate the applicant’s ability to express his/her ideas clearly?

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| Click or tap here to enter text. |

How would you evaluate the applicant’s ability to interact well with other students and professors?

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| Click or tap here to enter text. |

How would you evaluate the applicant’s strengths and weaknesses as a potential exchange student?

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**The answers on this form are my own and represent my professional opinion of the applicant.**

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