



## **U.S. Summer Sisters Exchange Program- 2020** **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What is the cost of the Program?**

The program is fully sponsored and the scholarship covers all major costs like airfare, U.S. visa fee, boarding and lodging in USA and college tuition.

**2. Is there any flexibility in age?**

Students must be at least 16 years old and no more than 18 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020 (the year they are traveling to the USA) for the program. i.e. if you were born between 1<sup>st</sup> June 2002- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004 you're eligible to apply.

**3. Can I apply, compete, and if I get selected, decide not to participate in the program?**

This is highly discouraged. You should apply only if you are genuinely and seriously interested in participating in the program and have full family support and permission. Since we are not charging any fee for application, it adds to our cost of processing the applications and tests if an applicant is not serious about the program participation.

**4. Can I apply if I have already traveled to USA?**

Anyone who has already traveled to the U.S.A. is not eligible for the program.

**5. Do I qualify if I am not a Pakistani national?**

The program participation is only for Pakistani nationals bearing Pakistani 'B' Form and Pakistani Passport.

**6. Will I get to select which university I will go to?**

According to your overall application, English language test score and interview scores, you will be matched with different university programs.

**7. Where will the students live in the USA?**

All U.S. Summer Sisters Exchange Program students will live in their placement universities' dormitories. The selection of universities is done through a rigorous selection process, which involves each student's identified interest, etc. And hence the students can't select themselves where they want to get placed.

**8. What is the duration of this program?**

The duration of the program depends on which university the student gets placed in. This can range from 12 days to 50 days.

**9. My relative lives in the U.S. Will I be able to meet him/her if I get selected?**

The purpose of this exchange program is to give you a chance to 'study' and 'experience' American university life, learn skills that will help you serve your country in a better way, and make long-lasting friendship ties with people around the world. This is not a 'family reunion'. Students getting selected for the program are not allowed to meet the family members during the program.

**10. What is the selection process?**

The selection process begins when the applicant submits the completed application. Shortlisted eligible candidates move forward to the second round, which is of group discussion and interviews. Shortlisted candidates from this round take the English Proficiency test and then will be shortlisted for the final selection.

**11. Is taking English Language Proficiency Test necessary?**

English Language Proficiency Test is an integral part of the selection process, without which the applicant will not be eligible to move forward.

**12. Would giving my English Language Proficiency Test confirm my selection to the U.S. Summer Sisters Exchange Program?**

English Language Proficiency Test is one part of the selection and is not the final selection itself. Giving a test score does not guarantee your spot in the U.S. Summer Sisters Exchange Program.

**13. Will the interviews take place in my city?**

Interviews will take place only in Karachi and Islamabad.

**14. Will the program bear the cost of my travel to and from the interview center?**

The cost of coming to the interview/test centers will not be reimbursed for any participant.