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# **OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM Academic Year 2008-2009**

**The Undergraduate Exchange Program is a one year, non-degree study program in the United States.**

**Applicants are second-year students from**

**Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, or Ukraine\***

**studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies at the university level.**

**\*Applicants from Ukraine must be studying in the regions of Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizhzhya or Donetsk to be eligible.**

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Donetsk only)*

# Open Society Institute

## Undergraduate Exchange Program 2008-2009

The Undergraduate Exchange Program (U.E.P.) supports students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, and Ukraine in the United States for one-year of non-degree academic studies. The program seeks to assist educational and civic development in Southeastern and Eastern Europe and Mongolia by exposing participants to a liberal arts curriculum, different models of classroom instruction, community service work, and civil society related programming. The U.E.P. combines the U.S. liberal arts academic experience with exposure to American social issues and civic development through involvement in community service related work. The program aims to create lasting ties among participants and their American colleagues thereby contributing to cultural understanding and tolerance.

Participants attend a university or college in the United States for one year. While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours a semester of community service work in an area of interest to them. At the end of the year, they are expected to return home to complete their degrees. Once back in their home country, grantees are expected to carry out a community service internship or service project.

Applicants must currently be enrolled as a second-year student at a university in their home country to be eligible. Participant selection and university placement is determined by a panel of experts in the United States. Candidates do not apply to a specific university.

### Criteria

In order to qualify for the program, an applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia or Ukraine.
2. Be a current second-year undergraduate student studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory\*, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies. \*Please note that economic theory does not include business administration or management.
3. Be enrolled in an accredited university in his or her home country. Ukrainian applicants must be studying at a university in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizhzhya or Donetsk to be eligible.
4. Be in the second year of study when applying and return to their home country to complete their degree following the program.
5. Have an outstanding academic record.
6. Have a history of community and/or extracurricular involvement.
7. Have spent previous two years in residence in home country.
8. Have not attended a university in the United States.
9. Have not attended high school in the United States for more than one academic semester.
10. Be fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.
11. Be able to begin studies in the summer of 2008.

### Selection

Selection is based on academic merit, extracurricular and community activities, leadership potential, and knowledge of English. Approximately five awards will be granted per country.

Participant selection is conducted in four stages. All applicants which meet the above criteria will have their applications reviewed and evaluated by a U.S.-based team of university representatives. Semi-finalists are invited for English language exams and an in-country interview conducted by U.S. education professionals. Applications, interview evaluations, and exam results are all considered by a final selection team, which will then recommend university placements for finalists. Final placements are determined by the U.S. universities. Students cannot determine their own university placements.

## Financial Terms

Program participants receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, room, board, living stipend, textbooks, transportation, and health insurance. No financial support or special provisions are provided for dependents or family members.

## Participant Responsibility

All participants must attend the pre-departure orientation program for one week in July 2008 (transportation, room, and board are paid for by the program), as well as conferences and other program activities throughout the academic year. The orientation and program conferences are academically rigorous, and fellows are expected to attend and complete assignments for all sessions. While in the United States, students must uphold the academic standards of the host institution and undertake full-time study for the duration of the program. Students are encouraged to take courses outside their field of study. No more than one language or two introductory level courses per semester will be allowed.

While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours of community service related work per semester. The opportunity can be arranged with the help of the host university, and the type of work will be chosen by the student.

**At the end of the year, participants are required to return home to complete their degree at their home universities.** By accepting this award, participants agree not to enroll in a degree program at a university in the United States for one year upon completion of the exchange. Requests for visa renewals or extensions will not be considered. During their first year home, students are expected to complete a community service project or internship. The placement and terms thereof will be arranged by the grantee in coordination with the local OSI scholarships coordinator in the grantee's home country.

## Instructions for Applying

1. Read all instructions and information carefully before completing the application.
2. All forms in the application are to be completed in English and must be typewritten or hand printed **neatly and clearly** in black ink. You may also apply electronically at <http://oas.soros.org/oas/>.
3. Answer every question completely and carefully. Please use the space provided for your responses.
4. Attach additional documents to the application. These documents include an official copy of your university transcript, a certified English translation of your university transcript, two personal essays, two letters of recommendation, a copy of your passport picture page (if available), and a copy of your T.O.E.F.L. scores (if available).
5. **Submit one original copy of the application and all supporting documents and one photocopy of the application and supporting documents (except for letters of recommendation) to your national OSI scholarships administering office. See the 2<sup>nd</sup> page for address listings.**

**Deadline: December 3, 2007**

**Submit to your local OSI scholarships administering office.  
(See Page 2 for listings.)**



## Primary Home University/College

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Matriculation \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of completion \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what year of university you are presently in: \_\_\_First \_\_\_Second \_\_\_Third \_\_\_Fourth  
*Transcripts for Primary University are required and must be submitted.*

## Other Home University/College (if applicable)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Matriculation \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of completion \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

If currently enrolled in this university, indicate current year of study \_\_\_First \_\_\_Second \_\_\_Third \_\_\_Fourth  
*Transcripts for other universities are not required.*

How did you learn about the Undergraduate Exchange Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for any other scholarship programs?  Yes  No If yes, which ones?

**Language Skills** – If you have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.) Exam or equivalent, please attach a photocopy of your test results and indicate the following:

Name of Test \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any foreign languages other than English? If yes, please indicate which ones and your level of fluency (poor, fair, good, excellent) for the following categories:

Language \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

**Study or Travel Abroad** – Indicate extensive (more than one month) travel, study, or work you have had outside your home country. List first any experience in the United States.

Country Visited \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Stay and Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Study, Work, or Travel \_\_\_\_\_

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**Desired Field of Study** - Please circle **one** field of study in which you would like to take classes while at an American university or college. Please note that you will be encouraged to take a variety of classes outside of your field.

American Studies	Comparative Literature	Fine or Performing Arts	Art History
Journalism	Cultural Anthropology	History	Philosophy
Classical Studies	Economic Theory	International Relations	Political Science
Sociology	Law	Women's or Gender Studies	

What other courses or areas of study would you pursue?

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*Please note that law is considered a graduate degree in the United States. Thus, students wishing to focus on law classes will take courses in political science, sociology, and other fields.*

**University Preferences** – If you are awarded a grant, you will be placed at one of the participating universities. In order to make a compatible match, please check the condition you feel is most important to you. If you have no preference, please check “no preference”. **Please note that the selection committee may not be able to accommodate your preferences.**

**City Size**

- Small (under 25,000 people)
- Medium (25,000 – 150,000 people)
- Large (150,000 or more people)

**University Size**

- Small (fewer than 3,500 students)
- Medium (3,500-10,000)
- Large (more than 10,000 students)

Do you have any health conditions that require a certain climate or setting? Please explain.

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**Other Items to Complete the Application** – Please attach the following items:

- An official copy of your university transcript (academic record) in your native language
- A certified English translation of your university transcript (academic record)
- Personal Essay #1
- Personal Essay #2
- Academic Recommendation
- Personal Recommendation
- A clear copy of your passport picture page (if available)
- A copy of a former English test scores (if available)

**Certification**

*Please sign and date.*

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance from any other individual. I understand that submitting false or misleading information will result in my exclusion or dismissal from the program. If selected, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Undergraduate Exchange Program and the Open Society Institute and to return to my home country upon completion of my fellowship term.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



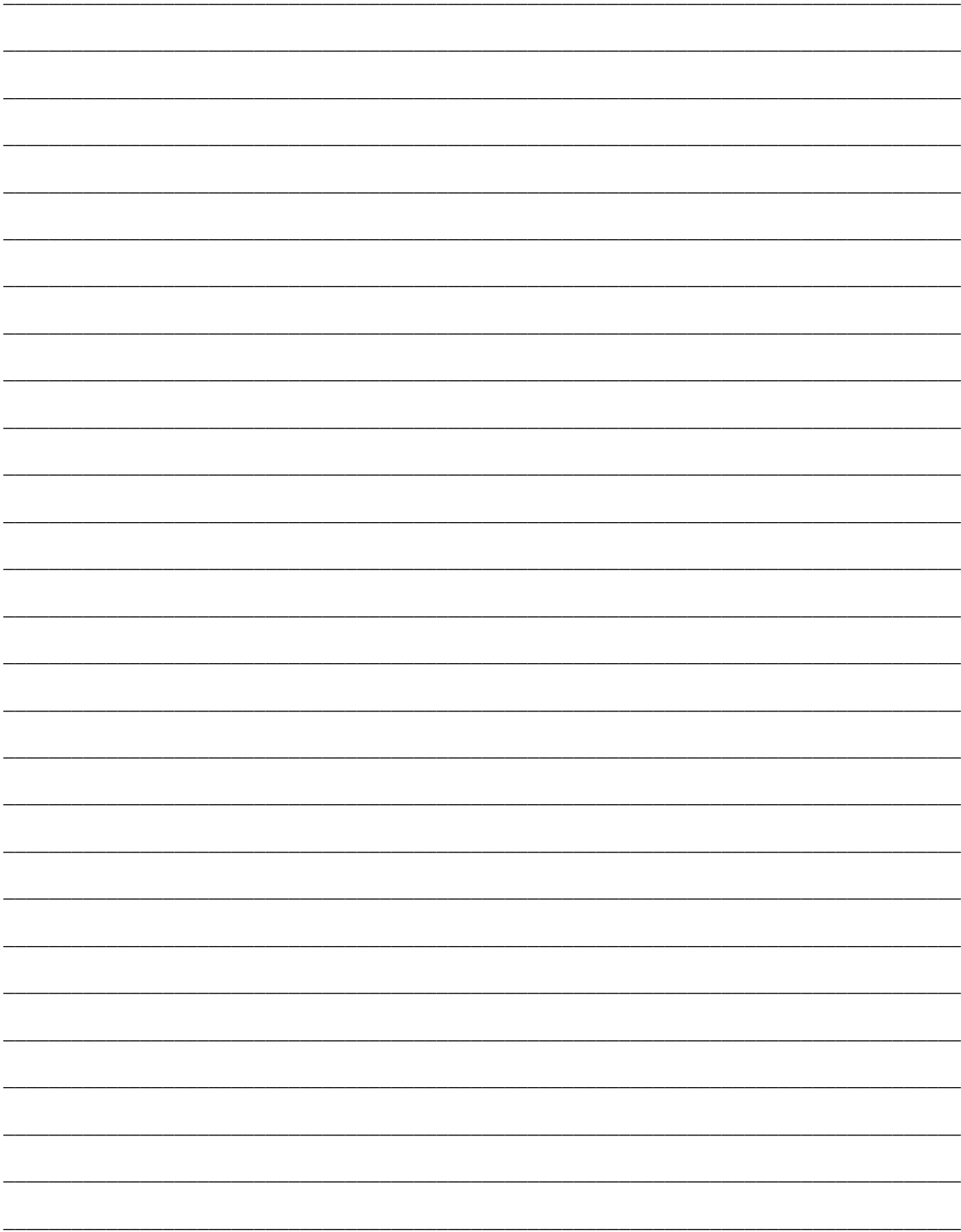
## Application Checklist

Be sure that you have completed all of the following steps before submitting your application. Put a check in the white boxes next to each item you have completed. Do not submit your application until you have completed all of the items listed below. Incomplete applications or those submitted by email will be disqualified.

Please submit this form with the rest of your application.

Applicant Checklist	Application Components
	I have answered all of the questions on the application.
	I have signed the application "Certification" section.
	I have attached two recommendations in signed, sealed envelopes.
	I have attached a certified official transcript from my university.
	I have attached a certified English translation of my university transcript.
	I have attached 2 personal essays.
	I have attached a copy of any T.O.E.F.L. or other English language exam scores (if available).
	I have attached a clear copy of my passport picture page (if available).
	I have attached two passport sized photos of myself.
	I am submitting one original copy of the application form and supporting documents.
	I have submitted one photocopy of the application form and supporting documents (except for letters of recommendation).
	I have made an additional copy for my records.









Please describe what you think will be the candidate's greatest difficulty as an exchange student in the United States.

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### Overall Evaluation

Compared to other students you have taught, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.) Please add any comments on these qualities in the space provided below.

<b>Motivation</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Independence</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Academic success</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Effective communication skills</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Disciplined work habits</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>English language skills</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Respect for others</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Sense of humor</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent

Overall, how would you rate this student:

no basis      poor      average      very good      excellent      One of the top students I have encountered

If you have completed recommendation forms for other Undergraduate Exchange Program applicants, how does this applicant compare to them:

no basis      poor      average      very good      excellent      One of the top students I have encountered

Please use this space for any additional comments you would like to make about the applicant.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ University: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign across the flap on the back of the envelope.



Please describe what you think will be the candidate's greatest difficulty as an exchange student in the United States.

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### Overall Evaluation

Compared to other students with whom you have worked, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.)

<b>Motivation</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Independence</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Academic success</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Effective communication skills</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Disciplined work habits</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>English language skills</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Respect for others</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
<b>Sense of humor</b>	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent

Overall, how would you rate this individual:

no basis          poor          average          very good          excellent

If you are familiar with other Undergraduate Exchange Program applicants, how does this applicant compare to them:

no basis          poor          average          very good          excellent

Please use this space for any additional comments you would like to make about the applicant.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign across the flap on the back of the envelope.