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Dear Mariya:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. selection committee has recommended you as a finalist to receive a 2017-2018 Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Secondary School Scholarship. The selection process for this program has been highly competitive, and you should be proud of your accomplishment.

You will be able to participate in this program ● **if you can meet the U.S. school and health requirements for the program before you travel; and** ● **if you can obtain an international passport and U.S. visa.**

Your participation is also contingent upon a host family and host school being secured in the established timeframe.

This scholarship is funded by the Government of the United States of America. It includes the following:

- ☐ Round-trip travel from your home city to the United States;
- ☐ Placement with a U.S. host family for 10 to 11 months, beginning July or August 2017;
- ☐ Monthly spending allowance;
- ☐ Health and accident insurance; and
- ☐ Program activities and materials.

If you accept this scholarship, you agree to return to your home country for a period of two years after completing the FLEX program, in accordance with the requirements of the J-1 U.S. visa program.

To accept the FLEX scholarship, you must take the following steps immediately:

1. With your parents, carefully review the enclosed program materials. Discuss the information, and decide if you are willing to make a serious commitment to this program for a year. If you decide to participate, please notify your local American Councils program representative by telephone or telegram in keeping with the instructions they have given you. Failure to do so will result in your cancellation from the program.
2. Apply immediately for an international passport. This is important because you will need enough time to receive the necessary visa. This letter is your official invitation.
3. Provide any additional documents or medical information requested by your local program representative. Failure to provide the required documents, signatures, or other information may lead to your dismissal from the program. If you have difficulty obtaining the requested documents or signatures, notify your program representative immediately.

Once again, congratulations on your outstanding achievement. We look forward to having you as a FLEX participant in 2017-2018.

Sincerely,

Amy Forest
Youth Programs Branch Chief

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