



## LEAD MK 04-2019/2020 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### APPLICATION

#### I. Overall instructions

All applicants for the LEAD MK Fellowship Program must fully complete the application package. USAID's Civic Engagement Project will accept applications only in English. The application package should include:

- a. The completed and signed Application Form;
- b. The applicant's CV that includes the his/her volunteer experience (in English);
- c. Two recommendations from teachers, CSO or community leaders, or other persons that can testify to the applicant's potential for becoming a successful LEAD MK Fellow (in English or local languages).

LEAD MK is a yearlong program consisting of the following components:

1. **LEAD MK Academy (October 30 - November 6, 2019):** 7-day residential training program;
2. **LEAD MK Mentorship Program (November 2019 - June 2020):** Assigning of mentors and providing organizational support for LEAD MK small-scale projects;
3. **Orientation session and training for guidelines and procedures for the implementation of LEAD MK small-scale projects (January 24, 2020)**
4. **Implementation of LEAD MK small-scale projects (February - July 2020):** Awarding in-kind grants and individual stipends for implementation of LEAD MK fellows' initiatives.

**Please note that if you are selected, you should commit to all program components.**

Applications can be mailed, e-mailed, or hand-delivered. Faxed and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Please submit your applications to [applications@nms.org.mk](mailto:applications@nms.org.mk). E-mails must have "CFA # CEP-LEAD MK-04" in the subject line. The deadline for submitting the application is **12:00 o'clock noon, October 4, 2019.**

Applicants can also submit the printed application package in a sealed envelope to: National Youth Council of Macedonia, Aminta Treti 29/1-3, 1000 Skopje, att: Mr. Filip Kulakov. Should you choose to mail the hard copy of the application package, please note that **the time when the sealed envelope is delivered to NYCM will be considered to be the date and time of the application**, not the time the when the envelope is mailed. The mail should be delivered to the NYCM office by 12:00 noon, October 4, 2019. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.**



## II. Application Form

- a. First Name:
  - b. Last Name:
  - c. Complete Mailing Address:
  - d. Applicant's Phone (Cell):
  - e. E-Mail address (please print legibly):
  - f. Date of Birth: Age Now:
  - g. Name of Your School/University:
  - h. Grade/Year you are currently enrolled in/ attending:
  - i. How did you find out about the program?
- 1. Please use the following space to tell us about one aspect of your identity that is really important to you or has defined how you live your life. (maximum 1,000 characters)**



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**4. What do you think is the most critical problem facing youth in Macedonia? Why?  
(maximum 1,000 characters)**

**5. What would you like to get out of the LEAD MK Program experience? Why?  
(maximum 1,000 characters)**

6. **Within the LEAD MK Program, the participants will have the opportunity to implement a 6-month small-scale project (please choose up to three focus areas under which you would implement a project).**

**Program area 1: Youth employment and employability skills**

**Focus areas under Program area 1:**

- Improvement of soft skills for active job seeking
- Promotion and enhancing of youth entrepreneurship
- Networking with business sector, CSOs, local and/or central public institutions
- Leveraging digital technology and tools to address youth employment

**Program area 2: Youth active participation in public life**

**Focus areas under Program area 2:**

- Creating opportunities for youth's active public participation at the community, town/village, regional, and national level
- Advancing human rights from youth's perspective
- Support for youth 'activism' (activism through the arts)
- Promoting healthy lifestyle choices among youth

**Program area 3: Social inclusion and social cohesion Focus areas under Program area 3:**

- Creating opportunities for exchanges and joint actions among diverse communities
- Empowerment of women and girls
- Inclusion of men and boys in efforts to advance gender equality
- Social inclusion of marginalized groups and people with disabilities
- Undertaking actions to advance environmental protection
- Tackling youth violence (addressing bullying, hate speech, harassment, etc.)



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**7. Please describe if you have any specific project idea that you would implement under LEAD MK Program?**

**8. In your own words, please describe why should you be selected for this program?  
(maximum 1,000 characters)**



## QUESTIONS?

Please e-mail Filip Kulakov at [filip.kulakov@nms.org.mk](mailto:filip.kulakov@nms.org.mk)

***Please keep a copy of your completed application for your own records.***

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