



MEXICO 2012

G(irls)20 2012 Summit
DELEGATE APPLICATION

Overview:

The empowerment of girls and women is one of the most effective tools for economic, political and social development. With 3.5 billion girls and women in the world, it is imperative to the economic growth and political stability of countries that they are included in the decision making process. As we look for innovative, sustainable and socially responsible solutions to global economic and social challenges, the involvement of half the world's population can make a significant difference.

To highlight the prowess of girls and women and their role in development and innovation, two weeks prior to the G20 leaders meeting in Mexico, twenty-one girls, one from each G20 country plus representatives from the European and African Unions, will come together for the third G(irls)20 Summit. The G(irls)20 Summit themes will parallel the themes of the G20 leaders meeting.

Delegates will participate in panel discussions, attend workshops on subjects such as media relations, social media and business planning, and caucus to discuss and promote tangible, scalable solutions toward economic prosperity. The Summit culminates in a delegate-led press conference and communiqué that provides a blueprint to G20 leaders on how to utilize and engage one of the best resources in the world – girls and women.

If you are a passionate, forward thinking, solution oriented young woman from a G20 country or can represent the European or African Union and will be 18-20 years of age at the time of the Summit (May 29th to June 4th), you are invited to apply.

Background:

In September 2009 at the Clinton Global Initiative Summit, The Belinda Stronach Foundation (TBSF), a charitable foundation in Canada, committed to create a platform that aimed to provide greater coordination of global advocacy efforts and awareness of the issues of girls and women, with a goal to ensure that those issues became part of the narrative for the G20 Leaders.

As a result of this commitment, TBSF, together with over 50 international corporate and not for profit organizations partners, hosted the first ever G(irls)20 Summit in Toronto in June 2010, modeled after the G20. This ground breaking and innovative summit brought together one girl from each G20 country, plus representatives from the European and African Unions, to debate, discuss and design innovative ideas to help empower girls and women globally. From October 18th -21st 2011, twenty-one new delegates met in Paris, France for the second G(irls)20 Summit. Once again the delegates discussed and debated how to effectively include girls and women in the economic development of a country by providing opportunities and removing barriers. The G(irls)20 Summit came to a close with the delegates presenting their communiqué in a press conference to Consuelo Remmert, G-20 Aide to President Sarkozy. In their communiqué the delegates outlined their ideas to empower women and called upon

leaders and change-makers to take action. For a copy of the Summit communiques please visit our webpage at <http://www.girlsandwomen.com/>.

To date, the G(irls)20 Summit has led to over 150 million global media impressions. In addition, almost 24,000 people have signed up for the *What's Your Number?* Campaign. A global, viral campaign designed to provide a simple way for girls, boys, women and men to join the global campaign to empower girls and women by signing up at girls20summit.com and getting their number. This number represents 1 of the 3.5 billion girls and women in the world and is designed to send a message to G20 leaders that there are 3.5 billion girls and women in the world and these girls and women need to be empowered because their empowerment leads to healthier families, innovative economies and stable countries.

Be a Change-Maker:

Apply to attend the G(irls)20 2012 Summit in Mexico and represent the voices of the 3.5 billion girls and women around the world. The G(irls)20 Summit is modeled after the G20 Summit and will convene one girl from each G20 country: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Mexico, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, UK, USA, a representative of the European Union, and a representative from the African Union.

Delegates will work together to provide G20 leaders with tangible recommendations about the direction they need to take in order to engage and empower girls and women around the world so that those girls and women can have a positive social and economic impact in their communities and globally. Apply for the opportunity to change opinions, change the status quo and change lives.

Summit Details:

- Proposed Summit Dates: Arrival in Mexico City on May 29th and depart Mexico City on June 4th, 2011 (Delegates may be required to travel on May 28th and June 5th depending on the flight path)
- The Summit agenda will be structured around several intense days of workshops discussions with high profile speakers / panelists and an all day working session
- *Please note these dates are subject to change. Final Delegates will be informed of the exact G(irls)20 Summit dates upon their acceptance.*

Attendee Details:

The following will be provided to all G(irls)20 2012 Summit Delegates:

- Summit learning materials and supplies;
- Return economy air travel arrangements, made from the closest international airport to

the delegate's home to the G(irls)20 Summit in Mexico City;

- Accommodations while in Mexico City;
- Meals – breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks each day;
- All ground transportation while in Mexico City.
- *Please note that it will be the responsibility of the delegate to arrange her own ground transportation to and from their home to the airport.*

Requirements for Participation:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 18-20 years at the time of the Summit;
- Parental or guardian permission to travel to Mexico and to fully participate in the summit for the duration;
- Consent to appear in any and all media;
- Valid passport and any other required travel documents needed for the delegate to travel from their home country to Mexico (Passport must be issued no later than February 28, 2012).
- *Please note that it is the sole responsibility of the delegate to organize/obtain all required travel documents (travel visas) and to provide proof of all travel documentation to G(irls) 20 Summit no later than February 28, 2012. Health insurance and all necessary travel visas are the responsibility of the delegates and will not be reimbursed.*

Language:

As the G(irls)20 2012 Summit will be conducted in English, English language proficiency, both verbal and written, are required. All final delegates will be required to conduct a phone interview to evaluate language skills.

How to Apply:

The following methods can be used for applying to attend the summit:

Download the application form and reference form at www.girls20summit.com & then:

1. Email the application form and one reference form to: info@girls20summit.com OR
2. Mail the application form and one reference form to:

Girls 20 Summit

Attn: Farah Mohamed

410 Queens Quay Blvd. West Suite 304

Toronto, ON M4V 3T1
CANADA

Applications and references must be submitted together

Important Application Dates:

- Applications will open on November 28, 2011;
- Applications will be reviewed by Summit partners and the top 3 candidates will be forwarded to members of the Committee for the Advancement of Girls and Women;
- Two finalists from each country will be selected by the beginning of February;
- Finalists will be contacted in the beginning of February to schedule a phone interview that will take place by mid-February ;
- G(irls)20 2012 Final Delegates will be informed by the end of February.

Application Checklist:

- Completed Application Form
- Completed Reference Form
- Personal Biography, 150 words maximum. If selected this may be used on our website
- Photograph. If selected this may be used on our website.
- Copy of Passport

**Thank you for applying to be a delegate for the
G(irls)20 Summit 2012 in Mexico.**

G(irls)20 2012 Summit Delegate Application Form

(To be completed by the applicant)

Applicants must be young woman aged 18-20 years from a G20 Country or from the European Union or from the African Union.

Please answer the following questions:

Full Name (first/last): _____

Current Email Address: _____

Twitter Account: _____

Facebook Account: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Country of Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Guardian & Relationship to Applicant: _____

Passport Details **if you do not yet have a passport you will be required to provide this information to TBSF by February 28, 2012 if you are chosen as the delegate from your country*

I have a valid passport: Yes _____ Not Yet _____

Name as it appears on passport _____

Date of Issue: _____

Place of Issue: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____

Optional:

Mother's profession: _____

Father's profession: _____

Siblings? _____

Questions:

1. What do you believe is the greatest challenge facing girls and women in your community and why (Max. 200 words)?

2. What is the biggest challenge you have faced personally? How did it affect you?
(Max. 400 words for both questions)

3. What kinds of leadership roles have you taken in your school or in your community?
Please be specific with name of organization, position you held and dates.

4. If you could offer one idea to G20 leaders around the world about how best to economically and/or politically empower girls and women, what would that idea be? (Max. 250 words)

5. Why do you believe you are the right girl to represent your country at the G(irls)20 2012 Summit in Mexico? (Max. 250 words)

G(irls)20 2012 Summit Delegate Reference Form

(To be completed by school official, NGO sponsor or community organization who has known the applicant for a minimum of one year)

Reference Name:

Reference Valid Email Address:

Reference Organization or School:

Reference Mailing Address:

Reference Phone Number:

Relationship to Applicant:

We are looking for one girl from each G20 country, plus representatives from the European and African Unions to represent the girls and women in their home country. These girls will be confident contributors who are able to clearly articulate the ideas and opinions. We appreciate your time in helping us select these 21 amazing girls.

Please note references may be contacted to verify this information.

Please select the response that most closely matches the applicant.

1. Assessment of academic ability:

Outstanding ___ Very Good ___ Good ___

2. Ability to contribute verbally in a roundtable session:

Outstanding ___ Very Good ___ Good ___

3. Assessment of applicant's knowledge of development issues and current affairs:

Outstanding ___ Very Good ___ Good ___

4. Assessment of applicant's level of independence:
Very independent ____ Independent ____ Not at all independent ____

5. Assessment of applicant's contribution to community service:
Outstanding ____ Very Good ____ Good ____

6. Why do you believe the applicant would be a good contributor at the G(irls)20 2012 Summit in Mexico?