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Announcement

VEF 2010 Fellowship Program for Process B

The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is pleased to announce its 2010 VEF Fellowship program for Process B. Process B involves the submission of an application and documentation supporting a VEF Fellowship award for applicants already in possession of a Letter of Admission from a leading graduate school in the United States for study commencing in Fall 2010 in a science and technology (S&T) field that VEF supports. The fellowship application and selection process is open, competitive, and transparent. Applicants do not need to pay any fees to anyone in order to apply or be considered for a VEF Fellowship. Winners are chosen based on individual merit including academic performance, intellectual capabilities, English communication skills, and the potential for scientific contribution to education and research.

Applications will be available ONLY online ([online application](#)) and ONLY from 8:00 a.m., February 10, 2010, to 8:00 a.m., March 10, 2010 (Vietnam time zone).

1. Fields of Study

VEF seeks highly qualified applicants interested in pursuing a Ph.D. or a Master's degree at leading universities in the United States in the major disciplines of the sciences (natural, physical, and environmental), mathematics, medicine, and technology, including such fields as agricultural science, biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, physics, and public health.

PLEASE NOTE that business and management as well as the social sciences, such as economics and psychology, are not included in the fields of study supported by VEF.

2. Eligibility

In order to apply, an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

- **Vietnamese** by citizenship and not a permanent resident in, or citizen of, any country other than Vietnam.
- **College graduate** with at least a Bachelor's degree in a field of science or technology among the fields acceptable to VEF (See Item #1, "Qualified Fields of Study," above) or **college seniors** (final year students), who will graduate with such a degree by July 2010.
- **Overall Grade Point Average (GPA)**. GPA from college of **at least 7.0/10.0, based on a Vietnamese grading system**. Grades on other scales must be converted into a 10-point scale according to VEF guidelines. A grade conversion scale is available on the VEF website (http://www.vef.gov/download/conversion_table.htm).
- **Gained official graduate admission** to a VEF Alliance school or to a leading U.S. graduate school that accepts VEF's financial support terms. The applicant **MUST** have in writing a statement from the U.S. university that indicates acceptance of VEF financial terms.

3. Selection Process

There are two rounds of competition:

ROUND ONE - Qualification Screening: From February 10 to March 10, 2010, VEF will accept and review applications from applicants who have been admitted to at least one leading graduate program in the United States for the Fall 2010 term in a field of study supported by VEF. The school must either be a member of the [VEF Alliance](#) and/or must accept [VEF financial support terms](#).

ROUND TWO – Interview: In late March 2010, the most competitive applicants will be invited to a phone interview after their applications are reviewed by the National Academies (NA). Finalists will be recommended to the VEF Board for approval.

*Note: The above is the intended VEF time-line of activities for the selection process for 2010. VEF reserves the right to make changes as circumstances require. Any changes will be posted **ONLY** on VEF's official website at www.vef.gov.*

4. Preparation for the VEF Fellowship Application

Note: Information entered on the online application can be changed as often as the applicant wishes prior to the application deadline.

*To prepare for the [application](#), applicants **must** do the following:*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. Each applicant must prepare a Statement of Purpose essay, giving at least three reasons for wanting to pursue a graduate degree program in the United States, supported by a VEF Fellowship. Objectives must be stated clearly with explanations about how a VEF Fellowship would help the applicant achieve his or her stated objectives. The essay must be well-organized and composed in excellent English and must not be longer than two A4 pages, single spaced. The quality and content of this essay are extremely important factors in determining the applicant's candidacy for a VEF Fellowship. Below are some suggestions of what to include:

Work and research experience

- Narrative of work and research experience.
- Description of a scientific challenge that the applicant faced and how s/he managed and solved that challenge, including the lessons learned. This can be a success or a failure, but it must be memorable.

Future plans

- Desired concentrations within the specified field of study (specific subjects and general research interests) ranked according to priority.
- Objectives and impact of one's proposed research or project(s).
- Contribution of the proposed research or project(s) to the development of science and technology in Vietnam.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. Each applicant is required to submit the following:

- Letter of admission from each school;
- Letter of financial support from each school if the financial terms are not mentioned in the letter of admission. This letter should clearly show that the school(s) is/are aware of, and accept(s) the [VEF financial support terms](#).
- A copy of the completed application form to each of the schools to which you have applied and been admitted; and
- One set of supporting documents that you submitted to each university for admission.

All supporting documents are required to be sent to VEF by airmail (suggested to use express mail) and must arrive by March 10, 2010. The address is:

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**If you have any questions regarding Process B,
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