



Education Advising Center
Public Affairs Section
United States Embassy, Lilongwe

USAP Application Form – 2011/12

TODAY'S DATE: _____

LAST NAME: _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____ **Gender:** *F/M*
(Circle one above)

Date of Birth {MM/DD/YYYY(10/31/1985)} _____

Home address (where you reside when you are not at school):

Contact telephone (s): _____ **Email address:** _____

Mother's current occupation and workplace (Be specific, even if self-employed):

Father's current occupation and workplace (Be specific, even if self-employed):

If parents are deceased, state name, relationship, occupation and workplace of your guardian:

Name and age of each of your siblings:

Names

Ages

Number of dependent people currently living with and supported by your family and their relationships to you:

Amount of your secondary school fees (inclusive of boarding fees, if applicable) paid per term.

Who currently pays for your school fees? Are you on any bursary/scholarship? If so, how much does the bursary cover?

Academic and School Information

School Name and Mailing Address:

Headmaster/Headmistress' Name: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

List the Subjects you are taking and your current grades:

_____ What is your strongest subject:

What exams are you taking/have you taken at your school and the results (Indicate N/R for No Results and approximate dates you will take them if applicable):

List below all schools you have attended and forms complete:

Name of School and Head Location Form(s) Completed

1. _____

2. _____

List the extra-curricular clubs, sports and activities that you participate in at high school and in your community and/or church, the position you held and the number of hours dedicated in a wk/year:

Activity Position Number of hours Per Week/Year (circle)

Please describe which one of the above activities has the most meaning for you and why.

Financial Information

What amounts of financial resources will your family be able to provide for your education? Describe.

Short answer questions (For all questions below - Use the back of this paper or use additional paper if the space is insufficient.)

1. What do you hope to study at university? What is your planned career and why? Feel free to mention more than one potential field of study and career path. US education offers many new opportunities, so think widely – beyond medicine, pharmacy, engineering, actuarial science, business and accounting.
2. Outside of your planned career path, name several things you would like to learn just for the pure joy of learning – what do you have a burning desire to know more about?
3. List all prizes, honors or awards you have received during secondary and high school.
4. What else should we know about your background, your family and financial condition?
5. Dream a little. What impact do you want to make on the future of Malawi? How will you contribute positively to your home community and country once you return from your studies in the USA?
6. Is there anything else about you that you would want us to know about you, your dreams, aspirations, and the contributions you want to make on Malawian society?
7. What do you feel you could give back to the USAP program?

Write two essays, one from Group A and one from Group B, each of at least one page:

Group A – Choose one only

Colleges and universities in the United States will want to get to know you as a person, both in and out of the classroom. Use this essay as an opportunity to let us get to know you, how you think and what's important to you. As we want to get to know you and not look for the most dramatic tale, is essential that all experiences related in these essays are a true and accurate depiction of your life.

A1. Sociologists argue that individuals must be defined in the context of both their families and their communities, and anthropologists add that this is particularly so in the communal settings of Africa. How do you personally define community and family and to what extent do they have an impact of your growth and development? Write specifically about a positive impact you have you made in your family and in your community.

A2. Describe a situation where your opinion was unpopular and you were thus in the minority. How did you make yourself heard and how did you deal with the response to your decision or opinion? What can you learn from this experience to apply to your future? **(Please tell a true experience from your own life.)**

A3. Explain a risk that you have taken that has influenced your life greatly, either positively or negatively. What have you learned about yourself and about risk taking from this experience? What do you think is the value of taking risks?

Group B – Choose one only

No matter whether you have studied science, commercial or arts subjects at A level, if you attend college or university in the US, you will be exposed to and will take a wide variety of subjects from the humanities, social sciences, and pure sciences. With this liberal arts education in mind, please answer one of the following questions to demonstrate your intellectual strengths.

B1. Discontent often leads to action. Use evidence from your studies, your knowledge of current affairs and you experience to write a paper agreeing or disagreeing with this statement.

B2. If you were on a committee to give an award for an unsung hero who has positively changed the world, that is someone who society has not yet recognized for the valuable contribution they have made, who would you nominate and why? Include your definition of a hero when making your decision.

B3. What is the greatest scientific discovery so far in the history of humankind? Describe its positive and potentially negative impact to justify your choice. Now if you could make one scientific discovery in your life, what discovery would you want to make and why?

Please provide the following documents

- 1) A **photocopy** of your MSCE or your JCE stamped by your current school. Or a Copy of your O level results.
- 2) A letter of recommendation attesting to your character, talent and skills by a teacher, headmaster, pastor or community leader who knows you well. Please do not include a basic testimonial that does not talk about you as an individual.
- 3) A copy of **both** your end-of-year report from your Form Three year and of your first term report from Form Four. If you have completed your MSCE, then a copy of your full Form Four Year. If taking A levels, a copy of your end of year report from Lower Sixth and a copy of your first term report from Upper Sixth.

Thank you for applying to the USAP program. We look forward to reviewing your application! USAP 2011 Application Deadline: December 31st 2010.