

Dear Applicants,

Thank you for your interest in Creativity for Peace.

We bring young women from Israel and Palestine to a peaceful and supportive setting in New Mexico, U.S.A., which fosters artistic creativity and communication and leadership skills.

Following is a description of our summer camp. You will need to complete the camper application and two letters of recommendation. If you are accepted to camp, you will need to complete the medical, legal, media, and Mountain Center release forms.

You will send your completed application to Anael Harpaz. Your application will not be complete without two letters of recommendation, which must be sent to Anael directly.

Contact Anael about the deadline for your application. Upon receipt of all the forms Anael will set up an interview time and date.

Participant Information and Application Process

Age and Gender: The camp is for young women aged 15-17 years of age.

Participant Criteria: Participants must have strong competency in spoken English. All programs, dialogues, and art activities will be conducted in English.

The program includes group and individual dialogues on such topics as diverse cultural views, discrimination, fear, suffering, violence, prejudice, and coexistence. Each applicant must be willing to share her story and her feelings, and at the same time listen to others' stories and viewpoints.

Art is an important element of Creativity for Peace camp. Art is used as a vehicle for exploring emotion and personal expression. Although art experience is not necessary, applicants should be willing to fully participate in the art program.

The goal of the camp is to offer opportunities for the young women to move past their prejudices, to communicate freely and creatively and to establish long-term relationships with those who they may have previously feared and or did not understand. Our goal is to have each participant return to her home with new understanding and leadership skills for promoting peaceful coexistence in their communities.

Applicants should demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to peace, as well as an interest in speaking and listening to other young women of diverse backgrounds.

Applicants must commit to a follow-up program of sustained dialogue, art and other fun activities. Meetings will be held throughout the year in the Middle East.

Application Process: Each applicant must complete the enclosed application form, which includes questions and a short autobiography. These must be written in the girl's own words. Answer all the questions in English. Please contact Anael with questions.

Camp Fees: The camp fee is \$500 - \$2,000, based on a sliding scale. Fees are to be paid directly to Anael. A limited number of scholarships will be available. Requests for scholarships should be made in writing to [Anael Harpaz](#).

Passports and Visas: Families are responsible for procuring valid passports and U.S. visas and all fees pertaining to same.

Medical Insurance: Medical insurance is required and will be paid by each family. Proof of insurance must be provided.

Legal and Medical Forms: Upon acceptance to camp, legal and medical forms and proof of medical insurance will be required. Forms must be signed by parents/guardian and family doctor. Please let us know if there are any pre-existing medical conditions that would affect the camper at high altitude or under stress. Once you are accepted to camp we also require releases for participation in the Santa Fe Mountain Center's ropes course and for media coverage.

General Information

Accommodations: The altitude of the camp is 2800 meters. Campers are housed in a private home located on 40 acres of mountain forestland with beautiful scenic views. Campers are assigned to their bedrooms based on cultural diversity. No room swapping is allowed.

Food: Part of the camp program is to experience a diversity of international foods. Please come prepared to enjoy tasting new and different foods. Pork and shellfish are not included on the menu. Participants with special dietary needs must contact the office in advance.

Telephone: NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED. Families may call their daughter once a week at scheduled times (to be announced). The exceptions will be emergencies or birthdays.

Email: Families may email to camp@creativityforpeace.com. However, campers are not allowed to email.

Clothing: A suggested list of clothing and other suggested items to bring will be given out prior to the start of camp. Laundry is done every few days, so it is not necessary to bring lots of clothes. Past experience has taught that it is highly advisable to pack in one suitcase and bring an empty suitcase for purchased items and art work. Please keep in mind that airlines have very strict baggage allowance and extra weight is very costly. Bring less and plan for shopping at the mall.

Shopping: There will be a shopping expedition to one of the Santa Fe shopping malls. Shopping money is to be provided by each family. Each camper may bring up to \$300 for personal shopping.

Activities: Activities may include hiking, swimming, shopping, visiting museums and having lunch in private homes and restaurants. For outdoor activities, please bring walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

Dogs: There are dogs in most American homes. If you have a serious fear of dogs, it may be difficult for you to negotiate the campus or field trips. Please discuss this with Anael or Silvi during the application and interviewing process to judge if your participation is feasible.

Dental Needs: Please have a dental check-up several months before camp to make sure your dental needs are attended to. We have experienced many dental problems during camp, which takes the pleasure out of camp, results in loss of activity time, and is very expensive.

Household: As part of the camp experience of forming community and acquiring leadership skills, daily housekeeping chores will be assigned along with special times for cooking.

Environment: No smoking is allowed on the campus.

Personal Travel: Anyone wishing to visit family/friends before or after camp in the USA will need to make all their arrangements, changes, and payments directly with the CFP travel agent in Israel. Please notify Anael of any personal travel arrangements.

Please return this form to:

Anael Harpaz

Director, Middle East Program

Cell Phone: 054 7547640

anael@creativityforpeace.com

***Attachments: Please send two (2) color photos with your name written in English on the back, a clear copy of the identity pages of your current passport, and a copy of your identity card. It is VERY important to send these photos along with your application. Contact Anael for mailing address.

***Two letters of recommendation from an adult outside the family must be mailed directly to Anael. These letters may come from teachers, religious leaders, employers, counselors or other adults who know the applicant. Family members are not eligible to complete this form. All recommendation letters are confidential. These letters must be in written in English or attached to an English translation letter.

IMPORTANT - We can NOT accept ANY application that does not include:

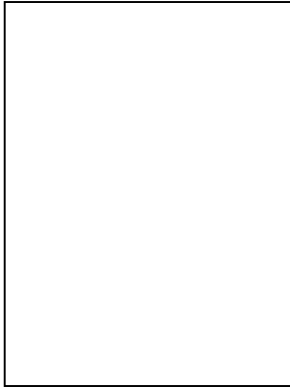
--A copy of the passport and identity card

--Two photographs with your name printed on the back, in English.

--Two recommendations completed by adults who are NOT family members, for example teachers

--Address should include the post office box number, NOT simply the name of village.

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Please attach your passport photo

Please print in ink, or type answers, to the following questions. All answers must be written in English.

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| First name: | | Surname: | |
| Birth date: | Place of birth: | ID: | |
| Name of high school: | | | |
| Father's name: | | Mother's name: | |
| Father's profession: | | Mother's profession: | |
| Home address: | | | |
| Home phone: | | Parents' email address: | |
| Parents' phone number at work: | | Personal cell phone: | |
| Personal email address: | | Religion: | |
| Special dietary needs: | | Special physical needs: | |
| Passport country: | | Passport number: | |
| Expiration date: | | Passports must be valid until March 1, 2011 or later for entry to the USA. | |
| Name (in English) exactly as it appears on passport: | | | |
| Do you have a valid US visa: (YES) (NO) | | If yes, expiration date: | |
| How did you hear about Creativity For Peace: | | | |

Applicant Questions (required)

Please answer all the following questions on a separate page. This application allows us to get to know you, so have fun with it.

1. Please write a short autobiography. (limit to 3 pages, double spaced)
2. What do you want people to know and remember about you?
3. What are your thoughts on creating peaceful communities between Israel and Palestine? How do you feel peace can be achieved?
4. Describe a good listener.
5. How will you benefit from the Creativity For Peace camp?
7. How will others benefit from your participation in the program?
8. What is the most important value or belief that you have learned from your family, school or religion?
9. What are your artistic and creative interests and skills? What are you extra-curricular activities?
10. Why do you want to attend Creativity for Peace?

Recommendation Form (to be filled-out fully by adults who are NOT family members)

Applicant's Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

In what capacity do you know this applicant? _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

To the best of your knowledge, does this person demonstrate:

(Check as appropriate)

| | Excellent | Good | Somewhat | Little |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Responsibility | | | | |
| Confidence | | | | |
| Emotional Stability | | | | |
| Communication Skills | | | | |
| Creativity | | | | |
| Resourcefulness | | | | |
| Leadership Skills | | | | |
| Works Well in Groups | | | | |
| Successful in School | | | | |
| Successful in Friendships | | | | |
| Listening Skills | | | | |

You may use another page for the following (please include applicant's name and your name at the top of the page)

Why do you think this applicant would benefit from this program?

How do you think our program will benefit from the applicant's participation?

Please include anything else that you think may be important to know about this applicant.

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