African American youth from the Sacramento region are invited to participate in the exciting and educational Summer 1999 African American Youth Peace/Cultural Program in Ghana. Adult guides/counselors and CSUS student-mentors also are invited.

**Activities will include:**
- lectures and demonstrations on indigenous African/Ghanaian peace-making/violence prevention methods
- an examination of the culture through visits to major historic sites
- first-hand experiences with urban & rural/village life and
- interaction with different Ghanaian youth and families, and government officials.

Ghana is a West African country of 15 million people. Its capital is Accra. A former British colony, Ghana’s official language is English, with numerous indigenous languages. The main program objectives are to introduce the participants to the personal experience of an African culture, expose them to opportunities for foreign service careers, broaden their global views, build their self-esteem, self-motivation and positive-thinking skills, and enhance their peace-making ability and promote intercultural exchanges.

Participants are expected to immerse themselves in the Ghanaian culture during the program, and to develop a peace project. Essential to the success of one’s participation in the program is the ability to be culturally sensitive and tolerant, plus work successfully in teams. Student participants will receive college high school credits.

**Candidates Selection:** Participants will be selected from high school applicants in grades 10-12, based on demonstration of their ability to fulfill the program objectives. Each prospective candidate must submit the following:

1. Submit a one-page letter of interest.
   - state your personal/academic background
   - list your reasons for applying to the program
   - present an idea for a peace project, and
   - explain how you plan to apply and share your experience from the program.

2. Submit two letters of reference.
   - one letter must be from your school.

Final selection will be based on the letters of interest and references and a personal interview with the program director. The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution reserves the right to use other reasonable selection criteria or make other changes. Selected candidates must attend the Africa conference at CSUS, April 29-May 1, 1999, and several orientation programs. The first orientation will be held at CSUS from 9 a.m.-noon, December 5.

**Funding:**
The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution and The Office of International Programs at California State University, Sacramento, CA seek support from private/public agencies and individuals. Also, participants are expected to pay some amount (to be determined later) to defray program expenses as well as participate in fund-raising activities.

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**Application for Summer 1999 African American Youth Program in Ghana**

Name ___________________________ Mailing Address ___________________________ City ___________________________

State ________________ Zip ________________ phone ________________ fax ________________ School ___________________________ Grade ____ GPA _____

Male ☐ Female ☐ Date & Place of Birth ___________________________ Any overseas travel experience?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state when and where ___________________________ Future goal/career ___________________________

By signing below, you state that the information provided above is correct and complete. Any false information could lead to denial of application or other sanctions.

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________

If under 18 parent or legal guardian must sign: Parent/Legal Guardian: Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Mail/ fax completed form with letter of interest & references on or before November 16, 1998 to Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Director, Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution, Office of International Programs at California State University, Sacramento, CA 95819-6085 Phone: 916-278-6282 / fax 916-278-7692 E-mail: uwaziee@csus.edu