Launching Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Application Form

LIFT- OFF Entrepreneurial Leadership Discovery Program (ELDP)
Enabling Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 BY 2:00 PM	
Name ***(First, Middle, Last)***	
2a. Gender: **2b. Date of Birth:** **2c. Nationality (include all):**	**3a. Contact Address:** **3b. Phone Numbers:** **3c. E-Mail Address:**

4a. University: **4b. Faculty:**	**4c. Section:** **4d. Year:**
5a. If employed, current employer and position: **5b. Previous employer and position:** **5c. Internships – list name of host institution and department:**	
6. Recognition: Please list any awards, honors, prizes, leadership roles or other recognition that you have achieved.	

7. Please explain how you became aware of the program.

Questions 8 – 11 will be used as the main factor in evaluating students for participation in the Program. Please be sure to provide all of the requested information and details. All essays should be type-written and submitted on a separate page. Essays must be submitted in English. Please note that essays must be written by you personally. We will check essays for plagiarism and will reject any applications that contain copied and plagiarized text.

For a definition of plagiarism please read below and/or visit www.plagiarism.org for guidance on how to avoid plagiarism. According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, to "plagiarize" means: to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own , to use (another's production) without crediting the source, to commit literary theft and/or to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source. In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud.

8. Entrepreneurship. What does Entrepreneurship mean to you and why is it important to Egypt? Who are entrepreneurs and do you have any entrepreneurial role models? This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.

9. Innovation. How can innovation be developed in Egypt and why is it important to Egypt's economic growth and development? In your response to this question please share ways in which you have personally demonstrated innovation and creativity and how you wish to improve in this area. This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.

10. Lessons Learned. Please share with us the key lessons both successes and failures that you learned during a previous business or social entrepreneurial experience. Describe the idea that you pursued, the lessons learned, and the skills and knowledge you felt were lacking to make the venture succeed. This essay should be a minimum of 500 words.

11. Why do you want to participate in this program? Please share with us why you would like to participate in this program and what you think you will gain from it. This essay should be a minimum of 250 words.

Certification: I certify that I completed this application and attachments personally and that the information I provided is factual.

Signature	**Date**

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