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ATTENTION NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Opportunity to participate in the 2017 Model International Criminal Court (MICC) Mock Trials in Poland

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

For the fifth year, New Mexico Human Rights Projects (NMHRP) is privileged and honored to recruit eight New Mexico high school students to participate in the Model International Criminal Court (MICC) mock trials in Poland (www.model-icc.org/) from November 19 - 24, 2017.

Interested students must be at least 16 years old and have a valid passport.

What is the project about?

Eight New Mexico high school students will join high school students from Germany, Poland and Israel to take part in the reenactment of three historical cases: Nuremberg Tribunals, Yugoslavia Tribunal and the Rwanda Tribunal. The project will take place from November 19 - 24, 2017 in the international conference center in Krzywowa, Poland (<http://model-icc.org/>). The students will be trained to take on roles of judges, prosecutors, defenders, and observing journalists.

What will the trip itinerary be like?

Traveling with chaperones, New Mexico students will arrive in Berlin on November 17 and will enjoy a day of free time with scheduled guided tours planned by NMHRP. November 19, students will travel by tour bus with the students from Germany and Israel to the international conference center in Krzywowa where they will meet the students from Poland.

What does the MICC funding cover?

MICC will cover nearly 100% of the round-trip travel costs, all meals, accommodations and trainings in Krzywowa, Poland, and two nights in Berlin. Students must cover any additional costs when not at the venue such as, buses, taxis and food while in Berlin.

How can I participate?

If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime educational experience, answer the question below and follow instructions under "Essay Information" for details and submission information.

Essay Question (Your application to participate must include a 500-word double-spaced essay that answers the following question):

What charges, if any, do you think should be brought against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and what evidence is there that these charges are justified? What are, in your opinion, the most viable ways to investigate further if President Assad has indeed committed the types of crimes that would warrant him standing trial at the International Criminal Court?

Essay Information:

- Essay must be 500 words and double-spaced.
- Attach a **separate cover sheet** with your name, age, school, grade level, phone number and email address.
- The information on your cover sheet cannot appear on your essay. If it does, **you will be disqualified.**
- Email your essay and cover sheet to regturner@aol.com no later than midnight, September 16, 2017. We will **not accept** essays that arrive after midnight. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- A NMHRP committee of judges will review the essays to determine the top 12 applicants.
- Students will receive an email from regturner@aol.com notifying them if they've been selected for an interview.
- These 12 students will be interviewed on Saturday, September 30, 2017.
- You **MUST** bring your valid passport to the interview.
- The judges will choose eight students to participate.

Please contact NMHRP Founder & Executive Director Regina Turner at 505.730.1060 or email regturner@aol.com if you have questions.