



### Letter of Commitment

2015 American Youth Leadership Program participant

*Please read this document carefully, and put your initials in each blank space to show that you have read and agree with the terms. The letter must be signed by the participant and a parent/guardian, and **submitted to VIA by Friday, April 3.** (You may scan and email it to [brooke@viaprograms.org](mailto:brooke@viaprograms.org), or fax it to 415-618-0509, Attn: Brooke Bryant).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm that I intend to participate in the 2015 American Youth Leadership Program, organized by VIA (Volunteers in Asia) and sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Youth Programs Division of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my commitment to this program includes full participation in pre-departure activities, the trip to Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China from July 1-22, and the post-trip service project.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will obtain a passport by April 30, 2015, and provide all the necessary documents (which may include a birth certificate, copies of parents' passports, etc.) for VIA to apply for a tourist visa from the Chinese consulate by May 15, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will also provide all other needed information as determined by VIA, including thorough and accurate health information.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will inform VIA staff as soon as possible if I am unable to fulfill my commitment to AYLP. Unless there is a documented family emergency, I understand that I will be responsible for paying the airline ticket change fee (approximately \$200) if I withdraw from the program after May 25, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may be asked to withdraw from the program at any time if I fail to meet the terms of this agreement.

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Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/guardian signature

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Date