

# Balkanski omladinski lideri - Young Balkan Leaders Civic Engagement Fellowship Program

#### What is BOLD?

The BOLD program is an intensive summer exchange in the United States for civically minded youth ages 18-25 from Montenegro who would like to make a change in their community and become part of a larger BOLD network.

## Why apply?

- ▶ To enhance your leadership skills through a summer exchange experience in the United States, including 4 weeks at the University of Nebraska Omaha and 1 week of study visits to other U.S. states and institutions
- ► To expand your knowledge and skills in civic activism
- ► To meet peers from the region and expand your network
- ► To develop a detailed project that you will implement upon your return to Montenegro

### **Application requirements:**

- ▶ Be between 18-25 at the start of the program and have a permanent residence in Montenegro
- ▶ Be a current student in Montenegro or a recent university graduate
- Demonstrate English language ability
- Have an idea for a small-scale civic engagement project that can be implemented within 5 months
- ▶ Be willing to become part of a larger BOLD network and cooperate with counterparts across Montenegro and the Balkans
- Be present in Montenegro from mid-September of the program year to the end of January of next year
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States

### What's included?

- A one-week pre-departure virtual component
- An intensive four-week academic residency at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)
- One week of educational study tours around the **United States**
- An in-country project, to be completed within five months upon return to Montenegro. Fellows who successfully complete the U.S. portion of the exchange will be provided with seed funds to implement their projects in Montenegro. To support the sustainability and success of the project, fellows will also receive mentorship and coaching.

Apply through February 28, 2025

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