



# PANGEA NETWORK

## (YWLC) YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

The Pangea Network, founded in 2005, is an international non-profit dedicated to empowering motivated individuals in Kenya and the United States with the knowledge, skills, and an ongoing network of support in order to achieve their dreams and make positive, life-changing contributions in the communities where they live.

The Pangea Network's U.S. program, The Young Women's Leadership Challenge (YWLC), was created in 2012 to inspire high school girls in the U.S. to take action in their local and global communities, YWLC starts with a 6-day intensive leadership conference and is followed by a year of activities including volunteering, trainings, and Pangea's signature Take Action Challenge (TAC).

### STEP 1

#### Apply for YWLC Online at [empowered2lead.org](http://empowered2lead.org)

- Open to all high school girls who are rising sophomores, junior and seniors
- Apply for YWLC in Austin, Dallas, or Houston
- Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the program fee

### STEP 2

#### Attend the YWLC Summer Conference

- Once you are accepted into the program, the first part is to attend the 6-day long summer conferences
- Each city, Austin, Dallas, and Houston, will have a different date for the summer conference

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE CONFERENCE?



Leadership, Social Entrepreneurship,  
+ Create Your Take Action Challenge



Self-Esteem  
+ Body Image



Exploring Local/  
Global Careers  
(STEM, Social Sciences, Law,  
Art, Business)  
+ Service Project



Global Issues,  
Conflict Resolution, Media Literacy, +  
Self-Defense



Financial Literacy  
+ Social Etiquette



Take Action Challenge Presentations +  
Plan the Work for the Year Ahead

### STEP 3

#### Take Action Challenge (TAC)

- By the last day of the summer conference, you will have written out the blueprint and plan of action of your personal project called “The Take Action Challenge” or TAC
- The TAC asks every participant to design and implement an action in their community or the world and Pangea has seen incredible results.
- You will have 1-year to complete your TAC which you will implement during the Fall and Spring semester
- You will be able to sign up for a “coach” or “mentor” who will help you throughout the year on your TAC



### STEP 4

#### Fall Alumni Meeting + TAC Is Launched + Pangea Speaker Series

- YWLC alumni will meet in the Fall to share their TAC progress and best practices
- There will be an opportunity to engage in community service, like volunteering on an organic farm!
- Pangea will organize speaking engagements at schools and universities to inform new students about our work in Kenya and here in Texas – this will be open to all alumni and anyone interested to learn more about the organization



### STEP 5

#### Spring Alumni Meeting + TAC Is Accomplished + Pangea Speaker Series

- YWLC alumni are completing their TAC activities and events
- A meeting is held for all students to share their TAC project outcomes to fellow students, parents, and community members
- Pangea will continue to organize speaking engagements at schools and universities to inform new students about our work in Kenya and here in Texas – this will be open to all alumni and anyone interested to learn more about the organization

**200 alumni** have gone through the YWLC program since 2012.

**80% of participants** received a scholarship to attend YWLC in 2017.

**68% increase** in program participants from 2016 to 2017.

**77 high schools** are a part of the YWLC Alumni network.