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VAYLC is the acronym for Vietnamese American Youth Leadership Conference. Started in 1999, VAYLC has become an annual three-day event organized by the National Congress of Vietnamese Americans (NCVA) to train young Vietnamese Americans in leadership skills such as:

1. Building self-confidence. This is to help the participants to gain self-confidence in front of the public or in facing an interviewer so that they can be persuasive and gain the audience's ears.
2. Good personal financial management. To become independent financially so as to avoid getting into debts. Even when necessary, to know how to avoid being in arrears so as to keep one's good credit rating.
3. Networking. To know how to make friends with people in the same field or allied fields. To know how to market and develop a clientele when in business. To know people who count in the community and/or people in government so that one knows where to turn in case one runs into obstacles or difficulties.
4. Teamwork. A crucial matter in an increasingly complex society, especially in the context of one's work place. This requires one's knowing exactly what is one's role in a team so as to facilitate coordination and production and not to become an impediment.
5. Organization. In a company or plant, the management is always on the lookout for individuals who have leadership, that is, people who could lead others in a smooth, fair and cooperative arrangement, so that no one feels he is discriminated against, gets more than one's share of burden and therefore participate willingly in the common task(s).

And finally, knowing the system. Living in a rule of law democracy it is imperative that we know how the system works, not just the Executive Branch (from the White House down to the various government departments and agencies) but also and especially, the Legislative Branch (Congress and the electoral process), and the Judiciary. Only then can one be a fully participatory member of society.

### **Cooperating Agencies**

From the beginning, NCVA has been the main sponsor of every VAYLC since 1999. But over the years it has enjoyed the sponsorship and/or cooperation of many other agencies and organizations, including State Farm, Boat People S.O.S., the Vietnamese Boy Scout Movement, VATV etc. This year, MAUVSA (Mid-Atlantic Union of Vietnamese Student Associations) is a co-organizer and others, including VVA (Voice of Vietnamese Americans), AASuccess, and VAVA (Vietnamese American Voters Association), SBTN-Washington and the Vietnamese Boy Scout Movement are co-sponsors.

### **Don't Miss the Deadline, Register Early**

Don't miss the deadline, register early! You can register on-line by going into [www.ncvaonline.org](http://www.ncvaonline.org) and click VAYLC 2011. Or you can call (703) 971-9178, which is the main number of NCVA, or write to: NCVA, 6433 Northanna Drive, Springfield, VA 22150-1335, to get a registration form. Registration by mail is the most trouble-free method.

Pre-registration (on or before June 15, 2011) is \$50 for the three days of the conference. After that date, the fee will go to \$60 and chances are you will miss some events because of security arrangements.

So please remember, and tell your friends, to register early! ASAP!

The conference itself is from June 24 to 26, 2011, in Arlington, Virginia!