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## NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Dear <<First Name>>,

Thank you for your emails and phone calls. If I haven't responded to your call yet, I promise to do so soon. Please keep the communication going.

AEPAC is proud of its commitment to contributing meaningfully towards a positive resolution of the crisis in Ethiopia. Thanks to our relentless lobbying and your unwavering support, we are beginning to see a positive shift in U.S. government policies towards adopting a more inclusive and non-ethnocentric approach to Ethiopia. This aligns with AEPAC's long-standing position on fostering inclusive 21st-century U.S. foreign policies for Ethiopia.



### **Ambassador Massinga's Comment on US and Ethiopia Policy:**

**Human Rights Focus:** Ambassador Massinga emphasized the importance of human rights in U.S.-Ethiopia relations. He highlighted the need for accountability and justice for all ethnic groups affected by the ongoing conflicts.

**Call for Dialogue:** He called for inclusive dialogue among all Ethiopian stakeholders to foster peace and unity. Ambassador Massinga stressed the significance of

reconciliation efforts to build a stable and prosperous Ethiopia.

**Economic Support:** The Ambassador reiterated the U.S. commitment to supporting Ethiopia's economic development, contingent on improvements in human rights and governance.

**International Cooperation:** He underscored the role of international organizations in addressing the humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia and urged continued collaboration to provide relief and support to affected populations.

**Acknowledgment of Challenges:** While acknowledging the challenges faced by the Ethiopian government, Ambassador Massinga called for transparent governance and the protection of civil liberties.

Despite these positive points, some aspects of Ambassador Massinga's address have sparked controversy and debate, particularly regarding the U.S. approach to Ethiopia's internal conflicts and governance

**Vision for Ethiopia:** Stressing the significance of a rights-respecting, stable, and vibrant Ethiopia for the African continent, he called for inclusivity, transparency, and consultation in addressing challenges.

#### **Upcoming National AEPAC Meeting:**

Mark your calendars for June 8, from 3 PM to 5 PM, for an important members and supporters meeting. The focus will be on the 2024 U.S. elections and their relevance to the current Ethiopian situation. Your participation is vital! AEPAC may invite a surprise guest speaker.

#### **Endorsement for 2024 Elections:**

The AEPAC National Election Board (NECC) has begun endorsing pro-Ethiopia candidates for the upcoming elections. We encourage you to share your opinions with your state NECC representatives regarding your local candidates.

#### **Philadelphia City Council's Pro-Ethiopia Resolution:**

We are pleased to announce that AEPAC's proposed pro-Ethiopia resolution has been passed by the Philadelphia City Council. This resolution urges the U.S. Congress and the President to re-examine their foreign policy towards Ethiopia, identifying the ethnocentric political system as a root cause of the current crises and advocating for its objection in U.S. foreign policy considerations.

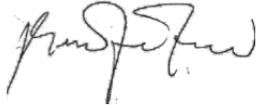
#### **AEPAC Youth Committee Initiatives:**

The AEPAC Youth Committee is excited to announce the launch of our first scholarship program. We are now accepting applications from interested candidates. This initiative

aims to support the next generation of leaders committed to fostering a better future for Ethiopia.

We thank you for your continued support and engagement with AEPAC. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for Ethiopia and its future.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mesfin Tegenu', written in a cursive style.

Mesfin Tegenu  
Chairman

**Read the article published by the Hill regarding US's support to stop crisis in Ethiopia:**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/4664571-ethnic-strife-is-tearing-ethiopia-apart-but-america-can-help-end-it/>



# AEPAC YOUTH

American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants are required to submit an essay of 800 words or less discussing the relevance of Emperor Menelik II's quotes in the context of contemporary challenges facing Ethiopia, particularly human rights violations, economic disparities, and ethnic and religious conflicts.



 **1ST \$1,500**  
 **2ND \$1,000**



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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

**JUNE 15TH 2024**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete Your Online Application Form
- Upload Required Documents
- Winners will be announced

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be Ethiopian American
- Highschool and College Student
- Creativity and Originality
- Emphasis on Research and Analysis

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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