



STUDENT PARTICIPANT YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM - 2020 CYCLE

INBOUND APPLICATION SAMPLE

Background

Youth Ambassadors is a three-week exchange for high school students (age 15-18) and adult educators focused on civic education, community service, and youth leadership development. Additionally, students live with U.S. host families for a portion of the exchange, which is a truly formative experience in cultural immersion and language acquisition. Upon return to their home, students are required to complete a community service project with the support of their mentors and fellow Youth Ambassadors. This program is fully funded by the US government.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ I am a high school student, with at least one semester of high school remaining after the exchange program;
- ✓ I will be between the ages of 15 and 18 years old at the start of the exchange;
- ✓ I am a citizen and resident of the country you will be representing on the exchange;
- ✓ I have a demonstrated interest in leadership, community service and the program theme;
- ✓ I am prepared to commit to the demands necessary to participate in, and complete the follow-on activities;
- ✓ I have sufficient proficiency in the language of the exchange (English, Spanish, or French) to participate fully in all exchange activities.

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2020 STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

This is a **SAMPLE APPLICATION** for the 2020 Youth Ambassadors Program.

Application periods vary by country and program and can be viewed at youthambassadors.org.

Please carefully read this application form before beginning your online application. You must answer all the questions and submit all the required documentation for your application to be considered eligible. If some questions do not apply please write N/A (not applicable).

Complete the application online at:

youthambassadors.org

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

The following documentation will need uploaded with your online application*:

1. One photo of yourself
2. Most recent academic record
3. Copy of valid passport if possible (it is not mandatory to have a passport to apply to the program)
4. Parental consent form
5. Letter of Recommendation #1
6. Letter of Recommendation #2

Letter #1 should be from a teacher at your school or language institution.

Letter #2 should be from an adult leader at an organization where you have volunteered, or held a position of leadership or active membership for at least one year.

Both recommendations should be by an adult who is not related to you. The adult should know you well enough to talk about your leadership abilities, character, and ability to handle situations under pressure.

Please make sure that your recommender includes your full name in your letter of recommendation and utilizes the Youth Ambassadors provided form.

Recommendations may be completed in your home country's official language or in English.

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Please attach your
picture here

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Suffix Preferred Name if not First Name

Government ID Number Gender Date of Birth (month/day/year)
*This is the unique number assigned to you
by the national government (e.g., SSN, DNI, RUN, BIN, etc)*

Place of Birth (city, state/province, country) Country of Citizenship Ethnic Origin
*If you have dual citizenship, please list
all the countries of which you are a citizen*

It is the goal of the Youth Ambassadors Team and its partners to ensure the full and equal participation of everybody regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, disability or otherwise. It is our policy to make necessary, reasonable accommodations to ensure that our programs are accessible.

Would you require a reasonable accommodation, as a result of a physical or mental impairment, to enable you to access the full benefit of this program? If not applicable, write N/A. (open-ended question).

Current address: _____

(please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Mailing address: _____

(if different from
current address)

(please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone (Include Country and Area Code):

_____ Home

_____ Mobile/Cell

Email: _____ Facebook: _____

LinkedIn: _____

SURVEY

How did you first hear about the exchange program? Please be as specific as possible.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Current School Name: _____ Type: Public Private Other

School Address: _____

(please include street name and number, postal code, city, state/province)

Grade Level (what year of schooling you are currently in): _____

Grade Point Average (promedio): _____

Did you attach last year's academic record? Yes No

I confirm that I have at least 1 semester of school remaining at the end of the exchange Yes No

Have you ever received a scholarship from the US Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs? Yes No

If YES, please provide a brief description of the name of the scholarship and date you participated:

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(please include street name and number, postal code, city)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment/occupation: _____

Emergency contact: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Relation to you: _____

Address: _____
(please include street name and number, postal code, city)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Did you attach a completed parental consent form? Yes No

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

A passport is not required to submit your application to the program. However, if accepted into the program, please apply for your passport immediately upon notification of your status as a finalist or alternate. Please be advised that a passport, valid for 6 months after the program end date, is required for participation in this program.

If yes, please give the following information:

Passport Number: _____ Place of Issue: _____

Issuing Country: _____ Date of expiration: _____
(month/day/year)

Please attach a copy of your passport with the application.

Have you ever visited or lived in the United States? Yes No

If yes, please explain the length and reason for your trip.

Have you ever traveled out of the country? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief description of the dates, length, and nature of your stay(s).

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Do you have any upcoming trips to another country in the next 6 months/year? Yes No

If Yes, please provide a brief description of dates, length and nature of your stay(s).

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

What is your native (maternal) language? If you are bilingual, please list both of your native/maternal languages. _____

List other languages that you know and the number of years studied (*ex. French- 3 years, Arabic- 1 year*)

How many years of English study have you had? _____ Where did you study? _____

How would you describe your **spoken** English skills? Poor Fair Good Excellent

How would you describe your **written** English skills? Poor Fair Good Excellent

Demonstration of Skill: Please provide a 1-minute video demonstrating your ability to speak the program language. You should introduce yourself and talk about one of your favorite activities.

ESSAYS

Plagiarism will result in the removal of your application from consideration. This means that if your answers are exactly the same as those of another applicant, both people will be disqualified. Although essays serve as a way to evaluate your written English skills, you will also be evaluated on the content of your responses and the ideas presented in your essays.

Short Essay Response

As part of the Youth Ambassadors Program you will be required to implement a community service project when you return home at the end of the cultural exchange. In 400 words or less, please write an essay addressing the following questions. Write your response in clear English and in your own words.

What is your motivation for applying to the Youth Ambassadors Program? How will your participation in the program help you address the issues currently facing your community?

LONG ESSAYS

In 500-600 words, please respond to each of the essay prompts below:

1. Leadership is a key value of the Youth Ambassadors Program. What makes you a good leader? Using examples, describe how you are a leader in your school, community, and / or home. How does the Youth Ambassadors Program, as you know it, satisfy your desire for a particular kind of learning, community, and future?

2. An exciting aspect of these programs is the home stay component during the cultural exchange. Participants will stay with a host family who will share their home and time with participants without compensation. What attributes do you have that would make you a good guest for a host family? What would you share with a host family about your life and your country?

By checking this box, I verify all the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen for the program, I will participate in ALL program activities, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities.

Applicant's signature

Date



Letter of Recommendation for the Youth Ambassadors Program #1

Instructions: Recommendations should be made by **one (1)** teacher at your school or language institution and **one (1)** from an adult leader at an organization where you have volunteered, or held a position of leadership or active membership for at least on year. These should be from adults who know the applicant and has knowledge of academic, personal and leadership qualities. The recommendations cannot be from a family member or friends.

This recommendation must be typed, or if it is written by hand it must be legible. The recommendations must be submitted with your complete application to be eligible. **LETTERS ARRIVING LATE MAY DISQUALIFY AN APPLICATION.**

Our program contains a special type of educational experience. This applicant will be involved in a three-week exchange program overseas, having direct contact with youth and adults. The applicant will be immersed in an academic environment with challenges and that will require intercultural adjustment and a coexistence as a member of a host family. To be successful, the applicant must have a high degree of motivation and the ability to get used to people of different social and cultural levels. Please be very honest in your evaluation of the applicant to help us determine whether or not this person is able to participate in this type of program. Please indicate, by checking the appropriate spaces, your evaluation of the characteristics of this person. If you wish, you can add comments, if so, please include another page.

To be filled out by the applicant:	

<i>Last Name, First Name (as provided on your application)</i>	
_____	_____
<i>Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
To be filled out by the person giving the reference:	
_____	_____
<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Work/Title</i>
_____	_____
<i>Relationship to the applicant</i>	<i>Place of Employment</i>
_____	_____
<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>

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Consideration and respect for others and their perspectives					
Good judgment and common sense					
Potential to be a leader					
Ability to follow orders with a good attitude					
Initiative					
Sense of responsibility					
Ability to engage with new situations					
Intellectual curiosity and imagination					
Ability to express oneself clearly					
Participation in the community and in extra-curricular activities					
Ability to complete and continue projects					
Sense of humor					

Comments:

What are the strong characteristics of this applicant?

How well do you think the applicant can adapt the student to new situations with a family from another culture?

How well do you think the applicant can collaborate with other members of your travel group to solve problems?

Please comment on the general ability of the student to participate in the program, including intercultural and leadership skills.

Name _____

Signature _____

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Consent of Parents or Legal Guardians of Secondary Students

All applicants must submit an authorization signed by the parent or legal guardian along with the application, giving permission to participate in the Young Ambassadors Program. If this authorization is missing, the request will not be considered.

Applicant Name:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

Parent/Guardian 2:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

Other Family

Names

Relationship

My son / daughter has my permission to request participation in the Young Ambassador Program and to participate fully if accepted.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

I guarantee that all information on this application is true and I agree that if the applicant is selected he / she will participate in ALL activities in the United States and abroad, including orientation before leaving and activities to follow.

I also agree that if I am selected for the program I will participate fully for the duration of the program.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

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