



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



The Youth Ambassadors Program is a 3-week leadership exchange program for U.S. teenagers ages 15-18 and adult educators. The program provides full scholarships for 120 students and adult educators to take part in one of five exchange programs in the Caribbean and South America.

Youth Ambassadors is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program is administered by World Learning in partnership with Amigos de las Américas and Georgetown University CIED. The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults in the United States who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to their communities, an awareness of current and global issues, and strong interpersonal leadership skills. The program aims to promote mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between people in the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

ALL YOUTH APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a U.S. Citizen and Resident
- Be between 15 - 18 years old at the start of the exchange
- Graduate from high school in 2021 or later
- Have parental/legal guardian permission
- Be willing to complete a Community-Based Service Initiative in their U.S. community following the Youth Ambassadors exchange

ALL ADULT EDUCATOR APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a U.S. Citizen and Resident
- Actively be working with youth in either a high school or community setting
- Be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their city/region during the 2020/2021 academic year to support and monitor their follow-on work

Participants are required to have an intermediate level of Spanish for all exchanges, except to Belize or Brazil.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS SUMMER 2020

Argentina & Chile | Belize | Brazil | Costa Rica | Ecuador | Uruguay



APPLY AT: [YOUTHAMBASSADORSPROGRAM.ORG](https://youthambassadorsprogram.org)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

PROGRAM GOALS

The Youth Ambassadors Program aims to promote mutual understanding between people of the United States and other citizens in the Western Hemisphere, prepare young leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their communities, and foster relationships among teens from different ethnic, religious, and national groups. Ultimately, the goal of this exchange program is to influence the attitudes of the leaders of the next generation and create hemispheric networks of young leaders both within the participating countries and internationally.

Students will gain: Leadership Development | Enhanced Cross-Cultural and Language Skills | New Career & Academic Aspirations | Global Perspectives | Access to Scholarships & Fellowships

YOUTH AMBASSADORS SUMMER 2020

The Youth Ambassadors program begins with a virtual pre-departure orientation, followed by international travel to the respective in-country **orientation and teambuilding** site. Exchange highlights include visits to **local high schools** and youth groups; **homestays** with local families; visits to important cultural and historical sites; participation in **community service projects** and **presentations at local organizations**. Participants will explore their host country via various subthemes such as social justice, environmental protection, entrepreneurship, multiculturalism, and civic activism. Throughout the international exchange, participants will design a **Community-Based Service Initiative** to implement in their U.S. communities upon their return home.

Single and multi-country exchanges will take place in the Summer of 2020; *exact dates will vary by exchange location. Country offerings are subject to change in consultation with the U.S. Department of State.*



SAMPLE SCHEDULE During Host Community Segment

7:30 AM	Breakfast with host family
8:45 AM	Meet YA group at BiNational Center
9-10:30 AM	Language and Culture class
11AM -12:30 PM	Tour public high school, dialogues with students
12:45-2 PM	Lunch at downtown market
2-5:00 PM	Cultural tour of city, including a visit to the National Congress building
5:00 PM	Evening activities with host family - dinner, movies, family activities, sightseeing, etc.

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QUESTIONS? Email questions to youthambassadors@worldlearning.org

