The Youth Ambassadors Program aims to develop a cadre of young adults from across countries in the Americas 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. The program is open to teenagers ages 15-18 and Adult Educators (mentors).

What Participants Gain from the Youth Ambassadors Program

Leadership Skills | Intercultural Understanding | Networking Opportunities
Professional Development | Global Perspectives | Scholarship & Fellowship Opportunities
Community Service | Communication Skills

Participants will explore program themes such as civic education, leadership, and community service, and youth and social transformation through the following activities: site meetings, experiential learning activities, leadership trainings, civic participation at the community level, mentoring by community, business, and NGO leaders, and volunteering.

Application closes on January 23, 2022 at 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Youth Participants must:

● Be a citizen and resident of a participating country
● Be between 15-18 years old at the start of the exchange
● Have at least one semester of high school left after August 2022
● Demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement
● Have limited U.S. and other international travel experience
● Have parental/legal guardian permission to participate in U.S. travel or online programming

All Adult Educator applicants must:

● Be a citizen and resident of a participating country
● Actively work with youth in a high school or community setting
● Be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their city or region during the 2022/2023 academic year to support and monitor their follow-on work

PROGRAM DETAILS

Single and multi-country exchanges will take place in 2022; exact dates will vary. Activities may take place as a 10 to 14 day travel exchange to the United States or a five-week virtual exchange. Program formats are subject to change in consultation with the U.S. Department of State. Any program with an in-person gathering will have a vaccine requirement; participants must show proof of full vaccination prior to the start of the program.

We continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 on international travel and U.S. government-funded exchanges conducted in the United States and abroad. We will post updates as available.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

The Bahamas, Suriname, Guyana, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago