



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



The Youth Ambassadors Program with Canada is a 3-week leadership exchange program in the United States for teenagers ages 15-18 and adult mentors. The program provides full scholarships for participants to take part in cultural and educational programming focused on civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.

Youth Ambassadors is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is administered by World Learning. The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults throughout 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.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

All teen applicants must:

- Be a citizen and resident of Canada
- Commitment to implement community service project
- Be between the ages of 15 to 18 years old with at least 4 months of high school or CEGEP remaining before graduation
- Demonstrated interest, & limited experience, in the USA
- Demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement
- Have parental/legal guardian permission guardians to participate in the 3-week program

All adult educator applicants must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- Actively be working with youth in either a high school or community setting
- Be willing and able to mentor youth participants after the exchange (during the 2020 school year) to support and monitor civic engagement projects

We especially encourage applicants who:

- Who have not previously visited the USA
- Who are new Canadians
- Who are First Nations, Inuit, or Metis persons
- Who reflect the geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of Canada

EXCHANGE PROGRAM DATES: JULY 16 - AUGUST 3, 2020

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

Application open until March 20, 2020



PROGRAM GOALS

Participants will gain: Enhanced Language Skills | New Career & Academic Aspirations | Global Perspectives | Access to Scholarships & Fellowships | Leadership Development

YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM WITH CANADA

Participants will explore program themes such as civic education, leadership, and community service 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. Additionally, participants will explore the United States via subthemes of youth resilience and social transformation.

YA PROGRAM WITH CANADA

The program begins with a pre-departure orientation in Ottawa. Grantees prepare for the exchange, meet fellow participants, and engage with key members of the U.S. Mission to Canada and Fulbright Canada. The U.S. exchange begins with Orientation and Teambuilding. Program highlights include homestays with local families, visiting local high schools and youth groups, visiting important cultural and historical sites, participating in community service projects, and conducting presentations at local organizations. Through direct engagement with leaders of community, public, and private entities, Youth Ambassadors will better understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Upon returning home, Youth Ambassadors will apply what they learned to implement community service projects that serve needs in their communities, plus be engaged through mentoring and alumni network initiatives.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE During Host Community Segment

7:30 AM	Breakfast with host family
8:45 AM	Meet Youth Ambassadors Group
9-10:30 AM	Workshop on Leadership Styles
11AM -12:30 PM	Civic Engagement Session
12:45-1:30 PM	Lunch at downtown market
2-5:00 PM	Volunteer project at youth lead community center
Evening	Activities with host family - dinner, movies, family activities, sightseeing, etc.



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