The Youth Ambassadors 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.

What Participants Gain from the Youth Ambassadors Program
Leadership Skills | Intercultural Understanding | Networking Opportunities
Professional Development | Global Perspectives | Scholarship & Fellowship Opportunities
Community Service | Language Skills

The U.S. Youth Ambassadors Program is a leadership exchange program for U.S. youth ages 15-17 and adult educators. The program provides full scholarships for 120 students and adult educators from the United States to take part in one of six exchange programs in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

**Priority Deadline:** Thursday, December 10, 2020  |  **Final deadline:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020
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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**All Youth Participants must:**
- Be a U.S. Citizen and Resident
- Be between 15-17 years old at the start of the exchange
- Graduate from high school in 2022 or later
- Have parental/legal guardian permission
- Be willing to complete a Community-Based Service Initiative in their U.S. community after the exchange

**All Adult Educator applicants must:**
- Be a U.S. Citizen and Resident
- 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 2021/2022 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.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

Single and multi-country exchanges will take place in **Summer 2021**; exact dates will vary by exchange location. Exchanges are offered in Argentina & Chile, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, or Paraguay. Exchanges will offered as up to 3 weeks in-person or 6 weeks virtual. Country offerings are subject to change in consultation with the U.S. Department of State.

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 anticipate conducting Youth Ambassadors programs in 2021 and we will post updates as available.

“Meeting with someone from Chile was such a great experience. To be honest, I thought an online experience couldn’t compare to anything in person. But now I know a lot more about the other participants I met with and have come closer to understanding their food, culture, family, and language... We got a lot closer than I thought we could get simply through a screen. This summer experience was great and I’m really happy I got to be a part of it all.”

—2020 Youth Ambassador from the U.S.