

U.S. YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Bringing together high school students and adult educators from across the Western Hemisphere



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.

What Participants Gain from the Youth Ambassadors Program

**Intercultural Understanding | Networking Opportunities Professional Development
Global Perspectives | Scholarship & Fellowship Opportunities | Language Skills**

The Youth Ambassadors Program develops a network of young adults in the United States who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, an awareness of current and global issues, and strong interpersonal skills. The program promotes mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between people in the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere.



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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 2023 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 2022/2023 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.

Participants of the virtual Youth Ambassadors Program are eligible to reapply for the three-week U.S. exchange program if all requirements are still met.

“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. 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.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Single and multi-country exchanges will take place in **Summer 2022**; exact dates vary by location. Possible exchange locations include **Argentina & Chile, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, or Paraguay.**

We continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the Youth Ambassadors Program and the travel industry. As such, we are currently reviewing the 2022 program portfolio to confirm how programs will be offered. Given the changing nature of the pandemic, programs may need to pivot to hybrid (in-country) or virtual exchanges.

