

U.S. YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Bringing together high school students and adult mentors
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 mentors. The program provides full scholarships for 98 students and adult mentors 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. This fully funded program promotes mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between people in the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere.



Priority Deadline: Monday, October 21, 2024 | **Final deadline:** Monday, November 11, 2024
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[2025 Application Link](#)

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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 2026 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 Mentor 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 2025/2026 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.

"This experience was life changing. I met the best people, had an incredible time, and absolutely adored my host family"

—2024 Youth Ambassador

"I absolutely loved my exchange program and am so thankful to everyone who made it possible!"

—2023 Youth Ambassador

PROGRAM DETAILS

Exchanges will take place in **Summer 2025**; exact dates vary by location. Possible exchange locations include **Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Ecuador.**

Exchange dates are as follows:

- Argentina: July–August 2025
- Belize: June–July 2025
- Brazil: July 2025
- Costa Rica: May–June 2025
- Ecuador A: July 2025
- Ecuador B: July–August 2025

