





Youth Ambassadors Program with Canada 2021 Application Questions for Students

This document contains the instructions and questions in the 2021 student application for the Youth Ambassadors Program with Canada. To complete an application, visit <u>youthambassadorsprogram.org</u>.

Introduction

Welcome to the Youth Ambassadors Program Application.

Please review the application instructions prior to starting a new application to ensure that you understand the process. If you have any questions, please contact us at youthambassadors@worldlearning.org.

To Begin

Please start by selecting the type of application (Student or Adult Educator) below the Program you wish to apply for. Then click "begin application."

Saving and Submitting

Please remember that you must complete all required questions AND click submit before your application will be reviewed. Only applications that are completed in their entirety will be considered. You will receive a confirmation email once your application is successfully submitted and received.

Country of Residence* Select from list

Are you a citizen of your current country of Residence.* Yes No

Are you a U.S. Citizen?* Yes No

Program Listing Select an application type* Student Adult Educator



YAP Canada 2021 Student Application

Filling Out Your Application

The application is divided into several different sections. You must complete all sections and all required fields before submitting the application. Use the "Save" button at the bottom of each page to save your work. We recommend that you "Save" often. You will lose your work if you leave a page without clicking "Save" first. Please note that the webpage will automatically time-out after 2 hours, and work will not be saved unless you have done so beforehand. If a tab cannot be saved, you will receive a message describing the problem. Correct the issue and try to save it again.

Letters of Recommendation for applicants of Youth Ambassadors FROM Countries in the Caribbean, Canada, and South America (Non-U.S. Citizens going to the United States)

You will NOT be required to submit letters of recommendation to complete your application. Letters of recommendation may be requested later in the process. We will notify you if you have been selected to be interviewed and we will then request letters of recommendation, there is absolutely no need to attach them to the application at this time.

Required Fields

Required fields are marked with a red bar. All required fields must be completed prior to submitting your application. A draft of your application may be saved with the required information missing.

Tracking Your Application Progress

On the bottom of this page and on the submit tab, you will see your progress in the application. Check to make sure you are completing all the sections before you submit.

Applicant Agreement

All questions must be answered honestly, without any copying of plagiarism, and without use of online translators. The Youth Ambassadors team reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who does not follow these policies.

Submit Application

Please remember that you must complete all required questions AND click submit before the deadline in order to be considered. When you have completed the application, go to the "Submit" tab and submit your application. You will receive a confirmation email to let you know that your application was successfully received.

(For Participants Only) The Youth Ambassadors program seeks applicants who can take initiative through the application process. As this is a leadership development program, applicants—not their parent(s)/guardians(s)—are responsible for each step in the application process. We encourage applicants to contact us at <u>youthambassadors@worldlearning.org</u> with any questions or concerns about the application process. Our Admissions team will also answer any questions parents or guardians may have about the program.

Other Questions?

If you have any questions, please read through our Application Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions. If you cannot find your question/answer, please email us at youthambassadors@worldlearning.org









Eligibility Requirements

Please confirm that you meet all eligibility requirements

- I am a high school student, with at least one semester of high school remaining after the exchange program;
- I will be between the ages of 15 and 18 years old at the start of the exchange;
- I am a citizen and resident of the country I will be representing on the exchange;
- I have a demonstrated interest in leadership, community service and the program theme;
- I am prepared to commit to the demands necessary to participate in, and complete the follow-on activities;
- I have sufficient proficiency in the language of the exchange to participate fully in all exchange activities.

I have reviewed the above eligibility requirements and confirm that I meet the requirements to participate in the Youth Ambassadors Program as a youth participant. *Check box*

Click Begin Application









Background

Name First Name*

Middle Name

Last Name*

Suffix

Preferred Name (if not your first name)

Identity

We encourage people with disabilities and from other diverse backgrounds to apply. Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, socioeconomic, status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We encourage people with disabilities and from other diverse backgrounds to apply.

Government ID*

You are required to provide your Government ID if known as part of the application process for the Youth Ambassadors Program. Examples of accepted government ID numbers include: SNN, DNI, CIN, FT, SIN, NIT, or passport number, etc. If you do not have a Government ID please put "not applicable". Please indicate the type of ID you are using.

Gender* Additional gender category/identity: please specify

Date of Birth* Dates are showing in US format (MM/DD/YYYY)

Country of Birth* Please select country where you were born.

State/Province of Birth* Please provide the state or province where you were born. This could also refer to a district, region, or department, depending on the government structure of where you were born.

City of Birth* *Please write in the city where you were born.*

Country of Citizenship:* *Do you have dual citizenship?*

Ethnic Origin* Please describe your race/ethnicity. Select one or more. Use the arrows to choose or remove selections. Select from list.









Health Information

It is the goal of the Youth Ambassadors Team and its partners to ensure the full and equal participation of everybody regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, disability or otherwise. It is our policy to make necessary, reasonable accommodations to ensure that our programs are accessible.

Would you require a reasonable accommodation, as a result of a physical or mental impairment, to enable you to access the full benefit of this program? If not applicable, write N/A.*

Contact Information

Please check your country code using this link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_country_calling_codes

Country Code* Home Phone*

Country Code* Mobile Phone*

Email* Facebook LinkedIn

Current Address

Country* Street* City* State, Province, or Region* Postal Code*

Mailing Address

Copy Current Address Or

Country* Street* City* State, Province, or Region* Postal Code*

Survey Questions

How did you first learn about the Youth Ambassadors Program? Please be as specific as possible.

Previous Department of State and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Experience

Have you ever participated in a Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs program? IF YES, please provide the name of the program and date you participated.









Education

School School Name* *The name of the school you currently attend.*

School Type:* Please indicate if the school you attend is Public, Private, Subsidized or Other

School Address* Please include the street name and number, postal code, and city.

Grade Level* Please enter your grade level in school as a number rather than text. For example, if you are in grade 10, please enter "10."

Grade Point Average*

Please specify your current grade point average.

Please attach your most recent academic record from the current school year.* To upload your document, click the "Attach" button and use the "Browse" button to select your file. Once your file is selected, click the "Upload" button to save it to your application.

Graduation Disclaimer

I confirm that I have at least 1 semester of school remaining at the end of the exchange. *Check box*

Leadership & Professional Experience

Briefly list or describe any extracurricular or volunteer activities you are involved with and what they mean to you. Examples of extracurricular activities are: school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, and community service activities. Please also include how you have been involved and for how long.*









Parent/Guardian

Family

Number of people in your household*

Please indicate currency type* Select from list

Family and household income per month*

Do you have internet access at home?*

What type of internet access do you have? (Wi-Fi connection, data plan, etc.)*

What type of device do you use to carry out academic activities and connect to the internet? (Smartphone, own laptop, family laptop, etc.)*

For the eight-week virtual exchange, participants must connect at least 15 hours per week to carry out video conference activities, online games, social networks, group discussions, etc. Please indicate if you can connect that amount of time. If not, please indicate the type of support you would need to have a successful participation.*

Parent/Guardian 1

Full Name* Relation to you* Address* Telephone* Email* Employment*

Parent/Guardian 2

Full Name Relation to you Address Telephone Email Employment

Emergency Contact

Full Name* Relation to you* Address* Telephone* Email* Employment*









Parent/Guardian

Attach your completed Parent/Guardian form. Forms can be downloaded below*. NOTE: Please choose the Parent/Guardian form for the anticipated program language below. *Please see Parent/Guardian forms in English and French in Appendix A at the end of this document.

To upload your document, click the "Attach" button and use the "Browse" button to select your file. Once your file is selected, click the "Upload" button to save it to your application.

International Travel

Passport

Do you have a valid passport?* Passports are not required for virtual Youth Ambassadors Program this summer 2021, so please skip this question if you are applying to a virtual program.

Please be advised that a passport, valid for 6 months after the program end date, is required for participation in this in-person program. If you are offered conditional acceptance in the program, you must submit a copy of your passport to confirm eligibility to participate in the exchange program.

International Travel

Have you ever visited or lived in the United States?* *If yes, please explain the length and reason for your trip.*

Have you ever traveled outside your country?* If yes, please provide a brief description of the dates, length and nature of your stay(s).

Do you have any upcoming trips to another country in the next 12 months/year?* *If yes, please provide a brief description of dates, length and nature of your stay(s).*

Language Abilities

Languages

What is your native (maternal) language?* If you are bilingual, please list both of your native/maternal languages.

List other languages you may have and the number of years studied* *(example: French - 3 years, Arabic - 1 year, Portuguese - 5 years)*

English

How many years have you studied English? Where have you studied English? Is English spoken at home? How would you describe your spoken English skills? How would you describe your written English skills?









Demonstration of Skills

Please provide a 1 minute video demonstrating your ability to speak the program language. You should introduce yourself and talk about one of your favorite activities.

Essays

Plagiarism Disclaimer

Plagiarism will result in the removal of your application from consideration. This means that if your answers are exactly the same as those of another applicant, both people will be disqualified. Although essays serve as a way to evaluate your written English skills, you will also be evaluated on the content of your responses and the ideas presented in your essays.

Although we will be evaluating your English skills, we are most interested in your ideas.

I confirm that my responses to the essay questions and scenarios are my own work and I understand that plagiarism will result in the removal of my application from consideration for the Youth Ambassadors Program.

Check box

Essay 1:

As part of the Youth Ambassadors Program you will be required to implement a community service project when you return home at the end of the cultural exchange. In 250 words or less, please tell us what motivated you to apply to the Youth Ambassadors Program? How will your participation in the program help you address the issues currently facing your community? Write an essay addressing the following questions. Write your response in clear English and in your own words.

Essay 2:

Leadership is a key value of the Youth Ambassadors Program. In 250 words or less, what makes you a good leader? Using examples, describe how you are a leader in your school, community, and / or home. How does the Youth Ambassadors Program, as you know it, satisfy your desire for a particular kind of learning, community, and future?

Submit

By checking this box, I verify all the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen for the program, I will participate in ALL program activities, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities. *Check box*

SUBMIT









Appendix A: Parent/Guardian Forms

The following pages contain the required Parent/Guardian form in English and French, in that order.









Consent of Parents or Legal Guardians of Secondary Students

Applicants must submit authorization signed by the parent/legal guardian along with the application, giving permission to participate in the Youth Ambassadors Program. If authorization is missing, the request will not be considered.

Applicant Name:

Parent/Guardian 1:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

Parent/Guardian 2:

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

Other Family

Names

Relationship

My son / daughter has my permission to request participation in the Youth Ambassadors Program and to participate fully if accepted.

Signature of Parent / Guardian

I guarantee that all information on this application is true and I agree that if the applicant is selected he / she will participate in ALL activities in the United States and abroad, including orientation before leaving and activities to follow.

I also agree that if I am selected for the program I will participate fully for the duration of the program.

Signature of the Applicant

Signature of Parent / Guardian

** We continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the Youth Ambassadors Programs and the travel industry. As such, we are currently reviewing the 2021 program portfolio to confirm which programs will be offered as in-person exchanges. Please note that due to safety considerations, virtual or hybrid programming may be offered as an alternate. We will post program updates as available.**

Date

Date

Date







Consentement des parents ou tuteurs légaux des élèves du secondaire

Les demandeurs doivent soumettre une autorisation signée par le parentouletuteur légal ainsi que la demande, donnant la permission de participer au Programme des jeunes ambassadeurs. Si l'autorisation est manquante, la demande ne sera pas prise en considération.

Nom du demandeur:

Parent/Gardien 1 :

Nom complet et relation avec le demandeur

Adresse

Téléphone et courriel

Parent/Gardien 2 :

Nom complet et relation avec le demandeur

Adresse

Téléphone et courriel

Autre famille

Relation de noms

Mon fils/fille a ma permission de demander la participation au Programme des jeunes ambassadeurs et de participer pleinement s'il est accepté. s

Signature du parent /

date du tuteur

Je vous garantis que toutes les informations sur cette demande sont vraies et je suis d'accord que si le demandeur est sélectionné, il / elle participera à toutes les activités aux États-Unis et à l'étranger, y compris l'orientation avant de partir et les activités à suivre.

Je suis également d'accord pour dire que si je suis sélectionné pour le programme, je participerai pleinement pour la durée du programme.

Signature de la

Signature du parent /

** Nous continuons de surveiller de près l'impact du COVIDE-19 sur les programmes des jeunes ambassadeurs et l'industrie du voyage. À ce titre, nous examinons actuellement le portefeuille du programme 2021 afin de confirmer quels programmes seront offerts en tant qu'échanges en personne. Veuillez noter que, pour des raisons de sécurité, des émissions virtuelles ou hybrides peuvent être offertes à titre de solution de rechange. Nous publierons les mises à jour du programme disponibles.**

date du tuteur

date du demandeur