



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM FOR ARGENTINA & CHILE

Youth Ambassador Program 2014

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Program Introduction and Application Instructions

The Youth Ambassadors Program for Argentina & Chile is a three week youth leadership exchange from **March 22 to April 12, 2014**, based in the U.S. for 13 Argentine teenagers, 13 Chilean teenagers ages 15-17 and four adult mentors (two from each country). The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults in the region who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to community development, an awareness of current & global issues, strong interpersonal leadership skills, willingness to foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups in both Argentina and Chile, and to promote mutual understanding, respect and collaboration between the United States and South America. Participants will be required to implement follow-on activities upon their return home that will help the participants stay in touch with each other and reflect on their experiences and integrate that learning into their day-to-day lives at home. An important goal of the program is that the student leaders, now empowered, will train other student leaders through student led community oriented service projects.

What is covered?

There is no application fee for applicants.

The United States Government will pay for international transportation to and from the US, domestic transportation in the US and Argentina, orientations, program and visa fees and administration, site visits and seminars, lodging and meals, some cultural activities, educational materials, accident and sickness insurance. Participants will stay with volunteer host families and in conference centers.

Participants are responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.), passport fees, and spending money for souvenirs and other items in the United States.

Who is eligible to apply?

Student applicants must...

- have citizenship and current residency in Chile (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered);
- be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old at the time of the exchange;
- be between 9th and 11th grade (I° y III° medio) by the time of the exchange.
- speak English;
- attend public school or a subsidized private school;
 - not have traveled previously to the U.S.; and
 - have permission from either a parent or legal guardian to participate in the three-week program in the United States.

Adult mentor applicants must...

- be citizens and have current residency in Chile (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered);
- be active in working with teenagers in either a high school or community setting;
- be willing to spend three weeks in the United States living with Argentine and Chilean teens;
- be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their city/region, during 2014-2015 to support and monitor their follow-up work;
- be proficient in English; and
- have travelled abroad in the past.

Applicants who can answer 'yes' to either of the following statements are *ineligible* to apply:

- Applicants who have previously traveled to the U.S. for any reason; and
- Applicants who are in the process of applying for U.S. immigration.



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Selection Process

- Individuals that make it past the initial application review by our panel will be contacted for an interview in November 2013;
- Due to the high-level of applications we receive, we may not be able to contact all those that have applied. Thus, applicants can assume that they were not selected if they have not been contacted by December 2013;
- Additional questions should be emailed to: mchileyouthambassadors@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2013.

TO APPLY

- High School Students please apply online at: <https://www.regonline.com/YAPChile2014student>
- To apply: Adult mentors please apply online at: <https://www.regonline.com/YAPChile2014adultmentor>



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