



Youth Application for the Youth Ambassadors Program 2016

Selected participants will travel to Washington, DC and a host state for about four weeks during September and October, 2016 and will have the opportunity to:

- Appreciate similarities and differences between the U.S. and Colombia;
- Learn about U.S. history, culture, politics, environment and language(s);
- Develop the skills needed to be a positive leader in your community;
- Explore societal challenges and create a service project for your community;
- Connect to a network of volunteers/community leaders including other youth throughout the hemisphere.

Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to participate:

1. Be between 15-17 years old during dates of travel;
2. Currently enrolled in a high school and have at least one semester remaining after October 2016;
3. Good academic standing;
4. Display leadership qualities and potential;
5. Have volunteer experience and a real commitment to serving others;
6. Be able to communicate effectively in English;
7. Be a citizen of Colombia.

Applications will be accepted beginning February 16th and no later than March 18th at 6PM. We highly recommend submitting your application hours or days in advance to avoid any technical issues timely submission. Note all applicants must only submit one application through either mail or online. Do not submit your application both online and through mail.

Partners of the Americas, with US State Department funding, will pay all expenses related to participation in the program including domestic and international flights, meals, accident and sickness protection, required vaccinations, some spending money, and lodging.

Those interested in applying for this program should complete this application in English and return a scanned copy to yapcolombia2016@gmail.com or mail to the following address by March 14 in order to arrive by the deadline:

Alba Segura
Sección Cultural-Centro de Recursos de Información
Embajada de los Estados Unidos
Carrera 45 No. 24B-27 Bogota, D.C.

Required attachments:

1. A copy of your completed application form (through our online system or email/mail);
2. A copy of your school record for 2015
3. A legible copy of a "recibo actual de servicio público" that indicates your "estrato socio-económico"
4. Two letters of recommendation in Spanish from your school and an organization where you volunteer

Send questions to yapcolombia2016@gmail.com.



Participant’s Personal Information

First name	
Middle name	
Last names	
Sex (M or F)	
City, state/department of birth	
Date of birth AND age	
Occupation	
Home/Cell-phone Nº	
E-mail address	
Complete home address (write in Spanish and include your state/department)	
Colombian ID No.	

Educational Data

Name and full address of the school where you study (include city and state):

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Indicate if your school is public or private:

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Current grade in high school (attach a copy of your school record the current year):

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Have you participated in a U.S. Embassy sponsored program such as Access or College Horizons? No () Yes () If Yes, in which program did you participate? _____

Did/do you study English in a language school? If so, please provide name and address of school (attach a copy of your school record for the current year):

Previous travels abroad: To the United States: No () Yes ()

To other countries: No () Yes ()

If yes, where and when and indicate if countries visited are of family origin:

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What is the level of your conversational English: Basic__ Medium__ or High__?



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1st Parent's Information

First and middle name	
Last names	
Occupation and employer (name of	
Level of Education (Primary, secondary, university or graduate studies)	
Current address including city and state (please write it in Spanish)	
Home phone	
Office phone	
Cell phone	
E-mail	

2nd Parent's Information

First and middle name	
Last names	
Occupation and employer (name of	
Level of Education (Primary, secondary, university or graduate studies)	
Home address including city and state (please write it in Spanish)	
Home phone	
Office phone	
Cell phone	
E-mail	

Applicant Signature

By signing below, I understand that as a Youth Ambassador, I will be expected to participate in all program activities, including orientation meetings, follow-on activities and project implementation

(firma) _____ (fecha) _____

Autorización parental:

Por medio de mi firma autorizo que mi hijo/a solicite participación en el programa Jóvenes Embajadores 2016

Madre: (firma) _____ (fecha) _____

Padre: (firma) _____ (fecha) _____



Youth Ambassadors Program 2016 Biographical Information Sheet

Full Name		<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Insert a recent and clear color photo here! </div>
Age & Gender		
Hometown and state		
Hometown High School		
Favorite School Subjects		
Hobbies/interests		
Future goals and dreams		
Volunteer activities		
Tell us about ways in which you would like to help improve your community/state/country		
Why do you want to be a Youth Ambassador?		

* **For selected youth**, information from this form will be sent to your host family in the U.S., to the US Department of State and other partner organizations.