



The United States Department of State is pleased to announce the **2015 Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) with the Caribbean**. The program will include a three-week U.S.-based exchange under the theme: **“Youth and Social Transformation”** for approximately 40 secondary school students and adult educators from six countries in the Caribbean region. In Guyana, we will select **4 youth** and **1 adult** to participate in the program from August 8 – 29, 2015.

The Youth Ambassadors Program provides youth with the tools and resources they need to realize their potential as leaders and to be protagonists in their own development. Through the YAP, a lifetime of service begins with a three-week exchange. Participants develop

their leadership skills, strengthen their ability to serve their communities, and build mutual understanding in the Western Hemisphere.

The exchange allows youth to:

- Engage with local government & organizations
- Interact with their peers from other countries
- Build relationships with host families
- Participate in skills-based trainings



Student applicants must:

- Be a citizen and live in Guyana
- Be between 15 and 18 years old attending a public high school
- Have a strong academic record
- Possess leadership potential and commitment to community service
- Demonstrate good initiative, communication skills, and a positive attitude
- Have the ability to work in a team and be respectful of the opinions of others
- Have little or no previous exposure to the U.S.

Adult applicants must:

- Be a citizen and live in Guyana
- Be a teacher, trainer, or community leader who work with youth
- Demonstrate positive leadership and service
- Exhibit open-mindedness, flexibility, and interpersonal skills
- Have the ability to work in a team and be respectful of the opinions of others
- Have little or no previous exposure to the U.S.

The U.S. Embassy in Guyana will manage the recruitment and selection of participants, organize the pre-departure orientation, and oversee follow-on activities. **Applications due by April 30, 2015 to:**

Public Affairs Section
U.S. Embassy Georgetown
100 Young and Duke Streets
Kingston, Georgetown

or

Via E-mail to: PDGeorge@state.gov



Additional information, application forms, and instructions can be found on our website at georgetown.usembassy.gov



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