



Youth Ambassadors Program Application

Partners of the Americas, through a program funded by the United States Department of State, is looking for 13 youth between the ages of 15 and 18 to promote mutual understanding between the people of the Caribbean and the United States through the Youth Ambassadors Program. This unique program aims to develop a sense of civic responsibility and commitment to community development among youth, build leadership capacity and foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious and national groups.

Selected youth will travel to the U.S. for three weeks from **September 4th – 25th, 2012**. While in the United States, you will attend school, participate in community service activities, attend workshops and plan a project to be implemented upon your return to Guyana.

As a Youth Ambassador, you will have the opportunity to:

- Gain greater understanding and appreciation of the similarities and differences between the United States and Guyana, as well as other countries in the Caribbean;
- Gain a greater understanding and appreciation of U.S. history, values, and beliefs;
- Explore both local and national issues, and become involved with key causes; and
- Develop the skills needed to be a leader in your community.

To participate, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Enrolled in secondary school;
2. Between the ages of 15-18 at time of travel;
3. In good academic standing;
4. Show participation in community service or a volunteer organization;
5. Demonstrate leadership through involvement in school, religious or community organizations;
6. Limited economic means;
7. Citizen of Guyana;
8. Have never traveled to the United States.

Applications of eligible candidates will be reviewed by the Youth Ambassadors (YA) coordinators. The highest ranking candidates will be presented to the selection committee comprised of representatives from Partners of the Americas Guyana Office and the U.S. Embassy for an interview. The selection committee will select final candidates and two alternates. Candidates will be judged on their dedication to service and community participation, their ability to adapt to new situations and environments, their maturity and responsibility, and their interaction with adults and peers.

On their visit to the United States, Youth Ambassadors will be accompanied by adult mentors. The U.S. Department of State, through Partners of the Americas, will pay expenses related to travel and participation in the program, including fees for passports, domestic and international travel, food and expenses, health insurance, lodging and transportation. Participants will travel on J-1 visas issued by the U.S. Embassy's Consular section.



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To submit an application, please fill out the following questionnaire and submit it along with the required documentation listed below:

- A completed application form
- A copy of your birth certificate
- A copy of your school registration and school record for 2011-12
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or school principal
- A letter of permission from your parents or legal guardian

If you have any questions, please contact any of the local coordinators:

Ashema Franklin - ashemafranklin@yahoo.com, Tel: 626-5274

Christopher Belle - christopherbelle51@gmail.com, Tel: 681-9053

Please submit applications by April 4th, 2012 to one of the addresses below:

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| 1) Ministry Of Education
c/o Christopher Belle
Accounts Department 68 Brickdam
Georgetown, Guyana | 2) Kuru Kuru Cooperative College
c/o Myrtle Richards
128 Upper D'Urban Backlands
Georgetown, Guyana |
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Youth Ambassadors Program Application Form

Personal Information:

Complete Name: _____

Date of birth (month/day/year): _____

Complete home address:

Home phone: () _____ Cell phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Previous travels abroad:

- To the U.S.: No () Yes () Where/When _____
- To other countries: No () Yes () Where/When? _____

Family Information:

Parents: Married () Separated () Deceased: Mother () Father ()

Family size: Number of Brothers: _____

 Number of Sisters: _____

Number of family members living with you in the same house: _____

Who do you live with: Parents () Mother () Father () Other (specify):

Father's name: _____

Father's occupation: _____

Father's employer (name of organization): _____

Father's level of education: Primary () Secondary () University () Graduate studies ()

Father's home address: _____

Father's home phone: () _____ Office phone: () _____

Cell phone: () _____



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Biographical Information Sheet

Full Name		Attach a recent color photo here!
Age		
Gender		
Birthday		
Hometown (current)		
Home address		
Phone Number	Include country code	
E-mail		
Hometown School		
Goals and Dreams		
Volunteer activities – hobbies/interests		
Tell us about your ideas/interests for a service project in your community.		
Why do you want to be a YA?		

*Thank you for telling us more about yourself! **For selected youth**, information from this form will be sent to your host family in the U.S., to the United States Department of State and other organizations.*