

youth ambassadors

- ★ Youth Leadership Development
- ★ Commitment to Volunteer Service
- ★ Mutual Understanding



The United States Department of State is pleased to announce the **2013-2014 Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) with the Caribbean**. The program will include three separate, three-week, U.S.-based exchanges on leadership and citizen action for approximately 90 secondary school students and adult educators from six countries in the Caribbean region. In Guyana, we will select **12 youths** and **3 adults** to participate in 3 separate delegations: February 3-26, 2013; October 6-29, 2013; and February 2-25, 2014.

We believe that **youth are powerful agents of change**, active in the present and as well as the future. 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
- 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

Adult applicants must:

- Be a citizen and live in Guyana
- Be teachers, trainers, or community leaders 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



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 November 23, 2012 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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