# YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The Youth Ambassadors Program with the Caribbean is a 3-week leadership exchange program in the United States for teenagers ages 15-18 and adult mentors. The program provides full scholarships for participants to take part in cultural and educational programming focused on civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.

Youth Ambassadors is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and is administered by World Learning. The program aims to develop a cadre of young adults throughout the Americas who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to their communities, an awareness of current and global issues, and strong interpersonal leadership skills. The program aims to promote mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration between people in the United States and other countries of the Western Hemisphere.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

**All teen applicants must:**

- Be a citizen and resident of the country they are applying to represent
- Be between the ages of 15 - 18 at the start of the US exchange in August 2019
- Have at least one semester of high school left after September 2019
- Demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement
- Limited U.S. and other international travel
- Have parental/legal guardian permission

**All adult mentor applicants must:**

- Be a citizen and resident of the country they are applying to represent
- Actively be working with youth in either a high school or community setting
- Be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from their city/region during the 2019/2020 academic year to support and monitor their follow-on work

## EXCHANGE PROGRAM DATES

August 8, 2019 - August 26, 2019

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*Application open until April 15, 2019*

**QUESTIONS?** Email questions to youthambassadors@worldlearning.org

## PROGRAM GOALS

**Participants will gain:** Enhanced Language Skills | New Career & Academic Aspirations | Global Perspectives | Access to Scholarships & Fellowships | Leadership Development

## YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM WITH THE CARIBBEAN

Participants will explore program themes such as civic education, leadership, and community service, and youth and social transformation through the following activities: site meetings, experiential learning activities, leadership trainings, civic participation at the community level, mentoring by community, business, and NGO leaders, and volunteering.

Additionally, participants will explore the United States via subthemes such as social justice, environmental protection, entrepreneurship, multiculturalism, and civic activism.

### YA SUMMER 2019

The program begins with a pre-departure orientation at home where participants prepare for the exchange and apply for the U.S. visa. The U.S. exchange begins in **Brattleboro, Vermont** for Orientation and Teambuilding. Following orientation, participants will be divided into smaller cohorts to travel to **Host Communities** across the United States. Program highlights include homestays with local families; visiting local high schools and youth groups; visiting important cultural and historical sites; participating in community service projects and conducting presentations at local organizations. Throughout the exchange, participants will create community based service initiatives to implement in their communities upon their return to the Caribbean.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE
**During Host Community Segment**

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| 7:30 AM | Breakfast with host family |
| 8:45 AM | Meet Youth Ambassadors Group |
| 9-10:30 AM | Workshop on Leadership Styles |
| 11AM -12:30 PM | Public high school visit<br>Q&A with students |
| 12:45-1:30 PM | Lunch at downtown market |
| 2-5:00 PM | Volunteer project at youth lead community center |
| Evening | Activities with host family - dinner, movies, family activities, sightseeing, etc. |

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