



## Partners of the Americas 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.

Through Youth Ambassadors, selected youth will travel to the U.S. for three weeks. 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 Antigua and Barbuda. 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 Antigua and Barbuda, as well as other countries in the Caribbean;
- Gain a greater understanding and appreciation of U.S. history, values, and beliefs;
- Explore local and national issues, and become involved with key causes; and
- Develop the skills to be a leader in your community.

**To participate, applicants must meet the following requirements:**

1. Enrolled in high school
2. Between the ages of 15 and 18
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 Antigua and Barbuda or Resident Alien
8. Have never traveled to the United States

Applications of eligible candidates will be reviewed, and the highest ranking candidates will be presented to the selection committee comprised of representatives from Partners of the Americas/ Antigua and Barbuda 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, and lodging and transportation. Participants will travel on J-1 visas issued by the U.S. Embassy's Consular section.

**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 2010-11
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or the school principal
- A letter of permission from your parents or legal guardian

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

**Rudolph Davis, cell: 779-0900, [rudolphsdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:rudolphsdavis@hotmail.com) or**

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**Please submit applications by January 14, 2011 to:** Partners of the Americas, c/o St. Joseph's Academy, Stapleton Lane, St. John's, Antigua.

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## **Youth Ambassadors Program Application Form**

### **Personal Information:**

Complete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (day/month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete home address:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:**

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 salary: \_\_\_\_\_







