

2017-2018 Young Leaders in Action Application 2015-2016 Youth Ambassadors Participant Application

Dear Applicant,

We are happy that you're taking the time to complete this application to participate in the World Affairs Council of Oregon's Young Leaders in Action program. We look forward to learning about you and what makes you a good candidate!

Who should apply?

Any Portland-area high school student with a graduation year of 2018 or later is eligible to apply. Applicants will be selected based on:

- Interest in learning about international issues and other cultures.
- Passion to take action and serve the local and global community.
- Commitment to working with staff and other youth to advance the program goals.
- Ability to bring a unique perspective and voice to the program (we value diversity in ideas, cultures, experience, and background).

What is the commitment?

Young Leaders in Action must attend a minimum of 10 of the 12 monthly meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month. Most meetings will take place 1:00-4:00pm at the World Affairs Council offices in downtown Portland. The anticipated schedule for the 2017-2018 program is:

June 6 (*Program Orientation*)

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 19

December 17

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 22

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You must also attend one Service Saturday or other World Affairs Council event every 2 months (6 total). Service Saturdays take place the 2nd Saturday of each month (times and locations will vary) and include volunteer activities and visits to international events or groups. Anticipated dates are:

June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14

November 11
December 9

January 13
February 10

March 10

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In addition, Young Leaders in Action must

- Write 1 blog reflection every 4 months (3 total).
- Implement an Awareness to Action Project in your school or community during Spring of 2018. Staff will help you design a community service project on an international issue.

What is provided by the program?

There is **no fee or other cost** to participate in the Young Leaders in Action program. In addition to program activities, participants will also receive:

- Free admission to all World Affairs Council events.
- Trimet passes to monthly meetings.
- Lunch and snacks at each meeting.
- Mentorship and advising on study abroad scholarships, and college and career opportunities.
- Over 50 community service hours with completion of the program.

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Application Procedures

All application materials must be submitted by May 1st, 2017 by:

Email to Samara Chism-Winfield at: samara@worldoregon.org

Mail to: World Affairs Council of Oregon, 1200 SW Park Ave, 3rd Floor, Portland, OR 97205

Please ensure all materials are submitted:

- Application Form
- Short Essays
- Think Outside the Box
- Participant Signature and Parent/Guardian Approval
- Peer Recommendation (submitted by recommender)
- Teacher Recommendation (submitted by recommender)

Selected candidates will receive follow-up interviews. All applicants will be notified of their status by May 26.

Application Form for 2017-18 Participants

Please take care to make all information legible.

Name:

Age:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Student Phone:

Student Email:

Parent/Guardian 1 Name:

Parent/Guardian 1 Phone:

Parent/Guardian 1 Email:

Parent/Guardian 2 Name:

Parent/Guardian 2 Phone:

Parent/Guardian 2 Email:

High School you will be attending in 2017-18:

How did you hear about the Young Leaders in Action?

Please list any extracurricular activities, clubs, community service, work experience, or awards/honors received (if any):

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Young Leaders in Action APPLICANTS. We are looking for people to bring their unique perspective and creativity to the program and to THINK OUTSIDE the BOX.

DO ANYTHING YOU WANT WITH THIS BOX... EXCEPT IGNORE IT!

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Participant Signature and Participant/Guardian Approval

I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if selected, the applicant will participate to the best of their abilities in the Young Leaders in Action program activities and requirements outlined above.

Student
Signature:

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Parent/Guardian
Signature:

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Parent/Guardian
Signature:

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Teacher Recommendation Form 2017-18

Instructions for Teacher Recommendation:

Students, please bring the forms below to your teacher(s) along with a stamped envelope addressed to the World Affairs Council of Oregon, 1200 SW Park Ave, Third Floor, Portland, OR 97205. Alternatively, teachers may email completed forms to Samara Chism-Winfield at samara@worldoregon.org. Please contact your teachers well in advance of the deadline and find a time when you can talk with them about the Young Leaders in Action program and why you are applying.

For Teacher Reference:

Our program features a special kind of educational experience. This applicant will be involved in a year program addressing global and local issues, learning leadership skills and work closely with young people from around the world. Please be very honest in your assessment of the applicant to help us to determine whether the applicant is ready for this kind of program. Please indicate, by checking the appropriate spaces, your estimate of the applicant's characteristics.

Your answers will remain confidential.

Teacher Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

| | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Unknown |
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| Consideration for and interest in others and their views | | | | | |
| Common sense and good judgment | | | | | |
| Leadership potential | | | | | |
| Ability to take direction | | | | | |
| Initiative | | | | | |
| Sense of responsibility | | | | | |
| Ability to adjust to and cope with new situations | | | | | |
| Intellectual curiosity and imagination | | | | | |
| Ability to express himself or herself | | | | | |
| Participation in community and extracurricular activities | | | | | |
| Ability to follow through with projects | | | | | |

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| Sense of humor | | | | | |
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What do you see as the strengths of this student?

How well will the applicant be able to work with people from different backgrounds?

Please comment on the applicant's overall suitability for the program, including leadership and interpersonal skills.

It is important that participants are reliable, motivated and work well in teams. Participants must have the dedication and enthusiasm to implement an action project in their own school or community. Please comment on the applicant's ability to meet these requirements.

If the applicant is selected, would you be willing to serve as a sponsoring teacher and be a point of contact for World Affairs Council staff as the participant implements an action project in their school or community?

Teacher
Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email
Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Peer Recommendation Form 2017-18

Your
Name:

Current
Grade:

Name of
Applicant:

How long have you known the
applicant?

What is your relationship to the
applicant?

How dependable is the applicant? Be specific and give examples:

Young Leaders in Action should be individuals who have a unique perspective and interest in local and global issues. Please describe why this applicant would be a good candidate for this program.

Peer Recommender
Signature:

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Email
Address:

Phone:

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