



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Youth Ambassadors Program [Insert Year]: [Insert Country] Students

Pre-Program Survey

Please know that your answers will be strictly confidential and will in no way affect your participation in the program. We will use the data for analytical and evaluative purposes only.

Please feel free to give us your honest opinions. This survey is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Thank you for your participation in this survey.

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1. There are many different reasons for participating in the Youth Ambassador Program. In the table below, please identify your three most important reasons for participating.

	✓
To gain experience and knowledge about leadership	
To prepare myself for a future leadership position in my country	
To learn about community development (how to improve my neighborhood and community)	
To increase my understanding of United States society, American people, and American culture	
To increase my understanding of United States history	
To learn more about United States Government and the American political system	
To make friends with United States students and their families	
To make friends with other participants from my country	
To share my culture with others	
To represent my country abroad	
Other (please write in): _____	

2. Please rate yourself on the following abilities. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Being self-reliant and being independent				
Speaking in public				
Listening to other people's suggestions or concerns				
Expressing ideas and feelings				
Being tolerant of others different than you				
Leading a team and motivating others				
Being flexible				
Solving problems				
Planning for the future				
Managing your time				
Managing money				
Discussing your beliefs/values				
Willing to make changes in your community				

3. How much do you agree/disagree with the following statements as they relate to you as an individual? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel I have many choices in my life					
I feel I can make a difference in my family					
I feel I can make a difference in my community					
I feel I can influence people around me					

4. Please rate your current knowledge and understanding of the following topics highlighted in your program. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
Leadership					
Community service (helping others in my neighborhood, community or local organization)					
Community development (how to improve my neighborhood and community)					
Current issues facing United States society					
Rights and responsibilities of a citizen					
The diversity of the American people					

5. What do you see yourself as accomplishing or learning during this visit that you could not accomplish or learn at home?

6. Please rate your knowledge or understanding of the following topics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
United States democracy					
United States economy					
United States values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States					
Freedom of speech and press in the United States					
Voluntary community service in the United States					
Daily Life in the United States					

7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Voting is important because real decisions are made in elections					
Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy					
An independent media is important to the free flow of information					
All citizens in a country should have equal rights and protections under the law, regardless of circumstances					
The Rule of Law is fundamental to a functioning democracy					
Individuals and organizations have the right to free speech and to voice opposition					
Democratic principles enhance the workplace. Supervisors should incorporate democratic principles into their management practices					

8. How do you view the United States government and the American people? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Unfavorable	Generally Unfavorable	Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
United States Government					
American people					

9. How do you view the United States Government and its relationship with your home country?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The United States government is a trustworthy partner for my country					

10. Which of these fields are you considering studying or working in when you graduate from high school? *Please check one box.*

	✓
Agriculture	
Arts and Humanities (history, languages, literature, art, theater, etc.)	
Athletics	
Business Administration, Finance	
Computer Science, Information Technology	
Education	
Engineering	
Environment	
Government	

Humanitarian Affairs, Development Assistance, Conflict Resolution	
International Relations	
Labor, Trade Unions	
Law, Judicial, Law Enforcement	
Library and Information Science	
Media, Mass Communications, Journalism, Communication Technology, Advertising, Graphics	
Medicine	
Military Service	
Public Administration	
Public Health	
Religion	
Science (physics, math, chemistry, biology, astronomy, geography, agronomy)	
Social Sciences (sociology, economics, psychology, political science)	
Social Work	
Teaching English, English language instructions	
Teaching (General)	
Not Sure	
Other(please write in): _____	

11. Which best describes the geographic location where you live? *Please check one box.*

	✓
A small city, town, or rural location in my country	
Another major city in my country other than the capital	
My country's capital city	

12. Age: [Drop-down]

13. Gender:

	✓
Female	
Male	

14. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have additional comments you would like to make, about any of the things above, or something we haven't touched upon, please do so here.

15. How long did it take you to complete this survey? _____ Minutes