U.S. Youth Ambassadors Program with Argentina & Chile

An exciting opportunity for a scholarship-funded exchange program to Argentina & Chile in Summer 2014! Apply to be an Adult Mentor on the program.

**Goals of the Program**

The goals of the program are to:
- Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States, Argentina and Chile;
- Prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their communities;
- Influence the attitudes of the leaders of a new generation; and
- Foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious, and national groups and create networks of hemispheric youth leaders, within the United States, Argentina and Chile.

**Who’s Eligible?**

All Adult applicants must:
- be a U.S. citizen
- be active in working with youth in either a high school or community setting;
- live within the area of jurisdiction of one of the program partners: University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA); World Affairs Council of Dallas/Ft. Worth (Dallas/Ft. Worth); International Visitors Council of Kansas City (Kansas City, MO); or Washington, DC (DC applicants must be employed in the District of Columbia);
- Have at least an intermediate level of Spanish
- be willing to spend three weeks in Argentina and Chile;
- be willing and able to meet periodically with selected students from in their city/region, during the academic year 2014-2015 to support and monitor their follow-up work;
- submit a complete application, statement of interest, including photograph and letters of recommendation.

**Where can this program lead you?!?!**

- Further Spanish Language Study
- The Fulbright Program
- Opportunities for career growth
- Globally Minded Citizen

**Apply Online Now!**

*Application is open from November 1 - December 1*

https://www.regonline.com/AC2014-adult
Key Program Components

Participants will focus on the program themes of: civic education, youth leadership and community service 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 volunteer programs.

Program Schedule

June 13- July 3 2014

The program begins with a Pre-Departure Orientation in Washington D.C. followed by Orientation and Team building in Santiago, Chile. The group will then be divided into 2 cohorts and travel to either Rancagua, Chile or Salta, Argentina for the host community segment. Highlights will include homestays with local families, attending a local high school, community service projects and presenting at local organizations. The program ends in Buenos Aires, Argentina where students will create social action plans to implement at home in the United States.

The program is 3 weeks in total.

Sample Day Agenda in Host Community

7:30am Breakfast with host family
8:45am Meet with Youth Ambassadors group
9-10:30am Spanish language & Chilean/Argentine culture class
11-12:30pm Tour public high school – Q&A time with students
12:45-2pm Lunch at downtown market
2-5:00pm City sightseeing tour including visiting the soccer stadium
4:00pm Afternoon break to sample typical Chilean/Argentine snacks
5:00pm Free night with host families – dinner, shopping, movies, cooking, family activities, sightseeing, etc.

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My [Host Family] experience was spectacular. I really enjoyed learning about their lives and culture. They treated me as one of their own children.

- 2013 U.S. Youth Ambassador