



# STUDENT PARTICIPANT STARS UNITED GLOBAL OUTREACH YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM 2022-2023

## **Background**

The Student Ambassadors are invited to participate in the program by administration because they have proven to be positive, responsible, respectful students.

Through the Youth Ambassador Program, youth gain the confidence to be advocates in their schools and communities. This includes grassroots advocacy through community mobilization and transformation, as well as advocating throughout the city of Dallas. Students will leave the program feeling empowered to create change in their community – no matter how big or small!

Youth Ambassadors will be expected to serve in leadership roles within their community. They may be called upon often to represent the program at conferences, media events, and other types of engagements throughout their term as a Youth Ambassador.

Members of the Youth Ambassador Program are hardworking and well-versed individuals who have demonstrated their commitment by reaching out to peers, friends, and younger students. Youth Ambassadors shall serve as role models for other students and agree to abstain from using drugs and alcohol.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- I am a currently enrolled student, with at least one semester of high school remaining at the end of my term if I am a high school senior.
- I will be between the ages of 12 and 18 years old at the start of my term
- Be willing to attend one-hour weekly workshops in the Summer, Fall and Spring Terms
- Demonstrate strong communication (written and verbal) and interpersonal skills
- Exhibit leadership, initiative, dependability, discipline, and enthusiasm
- All applicants must be students in good academic standing with no lower than a Coverage overall and must agree to maintain that good standing throughout their term.
- Members of the Youth Ambassador Program must be prepared to meet all the obligations outlined in the “Roles, Responsibilities, and Time Commitments.”
- Students must be willing and able to attend trainings and events and must be accompanied by an adult if under 18



# ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES & REWARDS

## Student Ambassadors

- Are positive
- Excel at communicating with others
- Provide excellent customer service
- Are open to learning new things
- Have a commitment to diversity and cultural pluralism
- Are a small group of students dedicated to the positive promotion of SUGO
- Will work on a volunteer basis to serve as liaisons between the current SUGO community and prospective students
- Be a helpful, friendly face for new students into our program and community events

## Student Ambassadors may be asked to volunteer for events such as the following:

- Outreach events (feeding the homeless, food drives, special projects, etc)
- SUGO Open house
- North Texas Giving Day
- Events and programs throughout the year

## Rewards

- Sharpen communication and public speaking skills
- Improve interpersonal and conversational skills
- Enhance confidence when speaking and interacting with many members of the SUGO community
- Develop networking skills through participation at exciting events
- Develop leadership to use in college and beyond
- Professional development
- Career entry skills
- College recommendation letter from SUGO
- Form relationships with community leaders, etc.

## An ideal Youth Ambassador will be able to:

- Serve a one-year term
- Serve as youth representatives during our programs and events, on task forces, and on advisory committees (within an individual member's ability)
- Speak publicly about issues vital to the Youth Ambassadors

- Serve as a role model for Texas students setting an example of positive and responsible teen attitudes and behavior, including abstaining from using drugs and alcohol
- Be able to communicate effectively via email. (This will be the primary form of communication between the Youth Ambassador and the Project Director.) Be sure to list an email you check regularly on your application
- Join in scheduled Google Hangouts to discuss works in progress, current events, proposed campaigns, programs, and activities.
- Work collaboratively with all types of people
- Attend two Youth Ambassador trainings virtually



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How do I apply?**

- Complete the application and submit via email to [info@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org](mailto:info@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org)
- Still having trouble applying? Email [star.williams@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org](mailto:star.williams@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org)
- You must submit supporting documents as outlined within the application. Students must submit a photo of yourself and parent/guardian permission
- Do not forget to complete your essays

### **What is the cost of this program?**

- There is no application fee for applicants
- There may be group outings that require a small cost from each student

### **What are the criteria for selection?**

Students will be evaluated on the following factors:

- a demonstrated interest in and commitment to volunteer and civic activities;
- ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and tolerate the opinions of others;
- leadership potential;
- good social and communication skills;
- good academic performance;
- an energetic, positive attitude; and
- ability to implement projects that benefit the applicant's school and/or community.

### **Will I receive confirmation that my application has been received? When will I know if I've been accepted?**

- Yes. You will receive an email to inform you your application is complete and has been received after submitting all required forms. You will also receive an email to inform you of your status- Not Selected or Semi-Finalist. All Semi-Finalists will receive an invitation for an interview and will receive an email after their interview informing them of their new status- Not Selected or Finalist.

### **What if I am not accepted to the Youth Ambassador Program this year; can I apply again next year?**

- Yes, provided you meet the eligibility criteria again next year.

### **Who should I contact if I have any questions about the application or program?**

- Please send all questions about the program to [info@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org](mailto:info@starsunitedglobaloutreach.org)



**2022 - 2023 STUDENT APPLICATION  
FORM BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Name:**

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Suffix      Preferred Name if not First Name

**Identity:**

*We encourage people with disabilities and from other diverse backgrounds to apply. Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.*

Gender <i>(Options: Male, Female, prefer not to disclose)</i>	Additional gender category/identity, <i>Please specify</i>	Date of Birth (month/day/year) <i>(You must be between 12 and 18 years of age at the time of the program to participate)</i>
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Place of Birth <i>(Please include the city, state/providence and country Where you were born)</i>	Country of Citizenship <i>If you have dual citizenship, please list all the countries of which you are a citizen</i>	Ethnic Origin <i>(optional)</i>
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**Health Information:**

*It is the goal of the Youth Ambassador team and its partners to ensure the full and equal participation of everybody regardless of gender, race, sexual preference, disability or otherwise. It is our policy to make necessary, reasonable accommodations to ensure that our programs are accessible.*

Would you require a reasonable accommodation, as a result of a physical or mental impairment, to enable you to access the full benefit of this program? If not applicable, write N/A

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Yes                  No





Name Relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include street name and number, postal code, city)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you attach a completed parental consent form?**  Yes  No

Using the table below, please select the sub-themes that are most interesting to you in no particular order. Please select 3 subthemes only.

- Anti-Bullying & Peer Pressure
- Teen Drug & Alcohol Awareness
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Social Justice & Volunteerism
- Multiculturalism & Civic Activism

### ESSAYS

Plagiarism will result in the removal of your application from consideration. This means that if your answers are the same as those of another applicant, both people will be disqualified. Although essays serve as a way to evaluate your written English skills, you will also be evaluated on the content of your responses and the ideas presented in your essays.

I confirm that this essay is my own work and that I understand that plagiarism will result in the removal of my application from consideration for the Youth Ambassadors Program.

**Essay 1:** As part of the Youth Ambassador Program you will be required to implement a community service project during your term. In 250 words or less, please tell us what motivated you to apply to the Youth Ambassador Program? How will your participation in the program help you address the issues currently facing your community? Write an essay addressing the following questions. Write your response in clear English and in your own words.

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**Essay 2:** Leadership is a key value of the Youth Ambassador Program. In 250 words or less, what makes you a good leader? Using examples, describe how you are a leader in your school, community, and / or home. How does the Youth Ambassador Program, as you know it, satisfy your desire for a particular kind of learning, community, and future?

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By checking this box, I verify all the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen for the program, I will participate in ALL program activities, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities.

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Applicant's signature

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Date

## **Consent of Parents or Legal Guardians of Students**

All applicants must submit an authorization signed by the parent or legal guardian along with the application, giving permission to participate in the Youth Ambassador Program. If this authorization is missing, the request will not be considered.

**Applicant Name:**

**Parent/Guardian 1:**

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

**Parent/Guardian 2:**

Full Name and Relationship to applicant

Address

Phone and Email

**Other Family**

Names Relationship

My son / daughter has my permission to request participation in the Youth Ambassador Program and to participate fully if accepted.

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

I guarantee that all information on this application is true and I agree that if the applicant is selected, he / she will participate in ALL activities as described in the application. I also agree that if I am selected for the program I will participate fully for the duration of the program.

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Signature of the Applicant

Date

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Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date