



Global Youth Ambassadors

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Chicago

July 22–29, 2017

A joint program of Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit is an educational forum in Chicago to help grow a new generation of global leaders. Participants from Chicago and its 28 international sister cities are empowered through workshops, discussions and presentations on advocacy, activism and leadership. The Summit encourages young women to become active leaders in their communities and develop solutions to the challenges girls face around the world.

The Summit consists of a one-week summer intensive program for teenage girls, ages 14–16. It is an opportunity for the girls to meet their peers from around the world; share issues that are of concern to them; participate in workshops; and meet with distinguished women in leadership positions. The participants are made aware of the experiences of peers who come from different backgrounds and are positioned to serve as advocates for each other in the future.

As emerging leaders in their own communities, the summit equips the girls to become agents of positive change in the world.

Accepting Applications from February 1 – April 2, 2017

Participants are selected via a competitive application process. The application is available to girls, ages 14-16, who live and attend school in the city of Chicago or one of its 28 sister cities and have an interest in international relations, leadership, advocacy, activism or gender studies.

For more information, visit chicagosistercities.com/GlobalYouthAmbassadors

Application Process and Guidelines

Eligibility

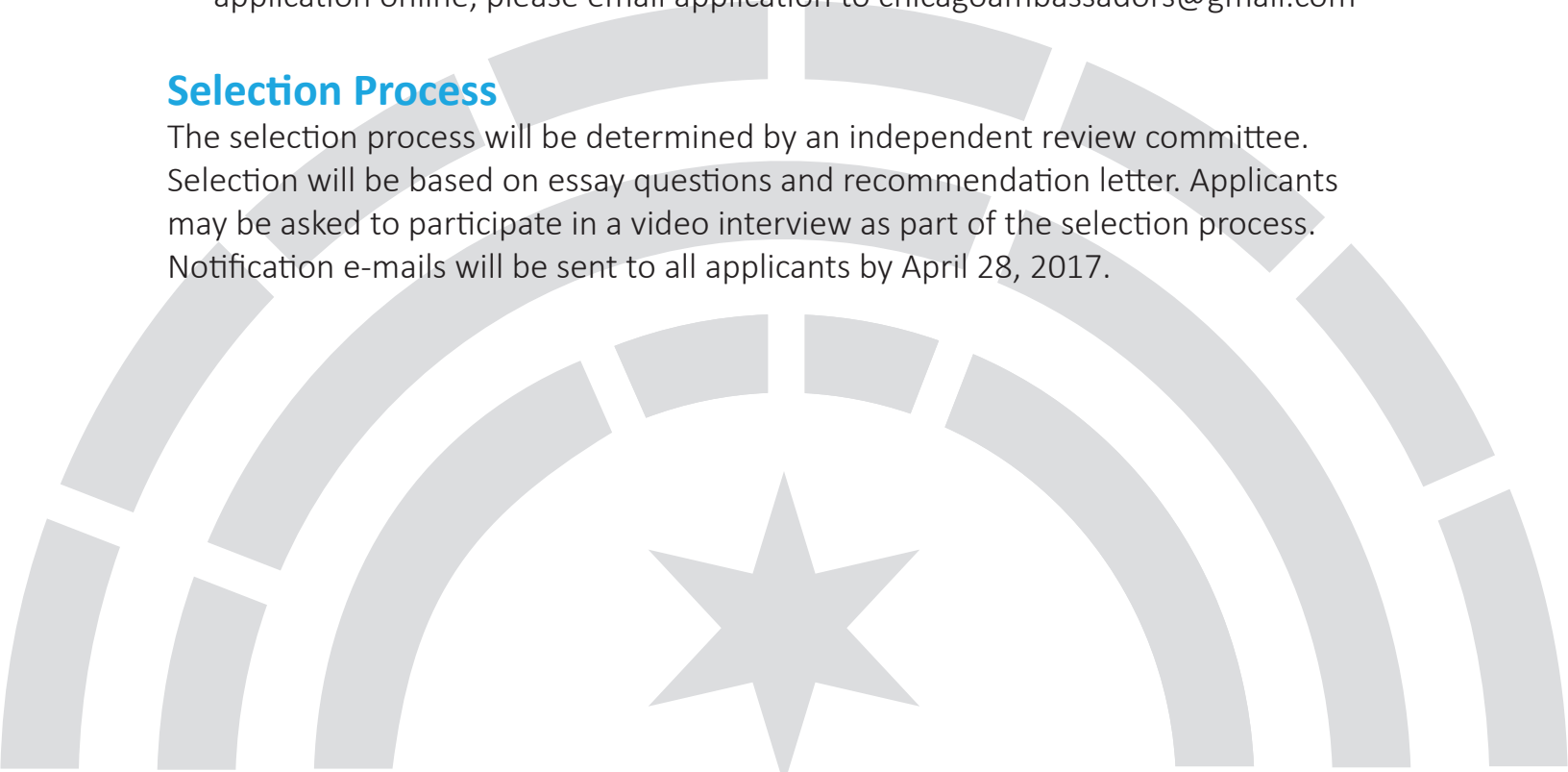
- The summit is open to girls, ages 14-16 (at the time of the summit)
- Applicants from Chicago and its 28 international sister cities are invited to apply for the program; applicants must reside and attend school in Chicago or one of its 28 sister cities (listed earlier)
- Applicants must have a good command of the English language (no interpretation services will be provided)
- Applicants should have an interest in international relations, leadership, advocacy, activism or gender studies
- Applicants must be willing to participate in an online exchange with fellow awardees before and after the summit

Application Process and Deadline

- Complete applications must be received by **Sunday, April 2, 2017**
- Applicant must complete Section 1 (general information) and Section 2 (short essays)
- Applicant's parent/custodian must complete Section 3
- A recommendation letter from a teacher or mentor describing what qualities make the applicant a good candidate for the 2017 Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit must be submitted by the April 2 deadline
- Interviews via video chat service may be scheduled during the month of April
- Application submission preferred online at chicagosistercities.com/GlobalYouthAmbassadors; if unable to complete application online, please email application to chicagoambassadors@gmail.com

Selection Process

The selection process will be determined by an independent review committee. Selection will be based on essay questions and recommendation letter. Applicants may be asked to participate in a video interview as part of the selection process. Notification e-mails will be sent to all applicants by April 28, 2017.



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Travel Grant Details

Chicago Sister Cities International will fund the awardees' summit registration fee and travel expenses to attend the week-long summit, including dorm accommodations at the University of Illinois at Chicago, roundtrip airfare to Chicago, meals, transportation to and from the Chicago airport and during the summit, travel insurance, and visa fees (if required).

International students will be accompanied by a non-parental chaperone (teacher, mentor, etc.). Chicago Sister Cities International will fund all expenses for chaperones.

Chicago participants will be paired with international participants and chaperones in apartment-style dorms at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Once international applicants are notified of their acceptance, they will be contacted to begin the travel process.

Protection of Minors

The University of Illinois at Chicago has adopted certain safeguards intended to protect minor children when they are on university premises participating in university programs and activities designed to include minors, or when they are in the care of university staff. The university and its employees shall comply with applicable federal and state laws to provide a safe environment in which children can learn, discover, and achieve their full potential.

For the policy and procedures concerning the university's Protection of Minors Policy, please visit hr.uic.edu/protection_of_minors/.

Questions

E-mail: chicagoambassadors@gmail.com

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Part 4 – Recommendation Letter

Submit a recommendation letter between 250-500 words from a teacher or mentor on official letterhead describing what qualities the applicant has that have shown them to be a globally-minded young leader, and a good candidate for the 2017 Global Youth Ambassadors Leadership Summit. Please also have the teacher or mentor provide the below information.

Letters are due by the April 2, 2017 deadline. Please submit your letter via one of the following methods:

E-mail (attached file) to chicagoambassadors@gmail.com

Facsimile: +1 (312) 553-4355

Mail to: Adrienne Tongate

177 N State St., Suite 500

Chicago, IL 60601

RECOMMENDING TEACHER/MENTOR INFORMATION					
Last Name		First		Middle	
Name of Student Applying					
Relationship to Applicant					
E-mail Address					
Title			Organization		
Preferred Phone Number					
Are you interested in chaperoning the trip? Travel expenses will be paid for chaperones. Chaperones must be female. If yes, we will contact you with additional questions/details.			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If you are unable to chaperone, do you know of anyone who may be interested?			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact information for interested chaperone if applicable.					

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE
I certify that this information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. (Print Name)
I agree that the above printed signature serves as a digital signature with the same legal effect as a written signature. <input type="checkbox"/>
Date