



Youth Ambassadors Program Application Form

Dear Applicant,

We thank you for your interest in applying to become one of our prestigious youth ambassadors. Please find a few tips for filling out the youth ambassador's program application below. Good Luck!!

Tips for filling out the application:

Be detailed in your answers to the main questions (numbers 1- 6). Applications that have one line answers to these key questions are unlikely to be successful. We are looking for people who have vision and are keen to learn, but are also practical and reliable. Your answers should illustrate your current skills, identify what you hope to gain from this program and share what you would like to achieve as a result of being a Youth Ambassador.

We want to know about you: who you are, where you live and what it's like there; what you want to do in your community and how you see being part of our program will enrich your ideas. We want to see passion for what you do and clearly defined steps suggested for the projects you would like to implement. While we are looking for young people with some experience, we are not specifically looking for expertise; this is a training program and we want to choose people who know they have some room to grow and learn.

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It is important to be completely honest in your answers. You will be invited to share examples of times you put certain skills to use. If you feel that you have not developed specific skills enough to offer an example, we encourage you to share that with us, since this program is about developing your skills. We are more interested in working with people who want support to achieve their ideas than people who have already had a lot of experience.

I. General Information:

Your name _____ Gender _____

Religious or spiritual expression or indigenous tradition _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/year) _____ Nationality _____

Telephone Number (please include area code) _____

Mobile phone number (please include area code) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____

Preferred form of communication (please indicate email, phone, postal mail, etc.) _____

Do you have access to the internet? (Check one)

- I have access on a daily basis
- I check my emails at least once a week
- I have limited access; a few times a month or less

II. Application Narrative *Questions 1-5 should be no longer than 1500 characters (including spaces)*

1. Provide a brief personal description, highlighting your academic and extracurricular achievements.

2. How did you find out about this opportunity?

3. Briefly describe the local community in which you live. Is it diverse? What is good about it? What challenges does it face? Share a way in which you are involved in this community.

4. What values or morals do you hold in high regard? What inspires you to work for greater community or world? What experience do you have working with people from different backgrounds?

5. What is your definition of leadership? What does it mean to be a young leader?

6. Reflecting on VPMA's founding principles, please share what you think (education, empowerment and employment) might look like in your community. What aspect(s) of VPMA's Mission, Purpose and Principles hold(s) the most meaning for you and why? (<http://www.facebook.com/vpmafoundation>)

7. For the next set of questions you should provide examples from your own life in your answers. Remember, we are not looking for candidates with all the skills and experience

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– we want to work with you to develop your skills as you grow as a young leader.

Please limit your answers to less than 2600 characters (including spaces) each.

a. Describe the skills and experiences that would make you a good VPMA Youth Ambassador. Demonstrate how you would manage the commitments that come with being an Ambassador.

b. Tell us what you hope to gain from being a Youth Ambassador, including the skills you would like to develop, the experience you would like to gain, and what benefits you see this role gives you and your local community.

c. Describe an original project idea that would impact your community and region. How would you implement this project as part of a team of Ambassadors using the resources available to you? What would the outcomes of your project be?

8. Feel free to share any other additional comments or information here. *(1500 characters including spaces)*

REMEMBER IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO REQUIRED:

Youth Applicants:

- 1 copy of your most recent report card
- 2 reference forms, completed by either a current teacher, school advisor, or mentor

Reference forms should be emailed or mailed to VPMA Foundation by the person completing the form. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS BACK TO THE YOUTH OR THEIR PARENT. REFERENCE FORMS SHOULD REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST & WE WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!!



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