



Young Ambassadors Program



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The Young Ambassadors Program is a national program for graduating high school seniors aimed at fostering the next generation of Latino leaders in the arts, sciences, and humanities via the Smithsonian Institution and its resources. YAP is a college preparatory and leadership program encouraging participants to explore various academic and career opportunities through the lens of the Latino experience. The program includes an intensive

week-long interdisciplinary training seminar at the Smithsonian followed by a four-week paid internship in museums and cultural institutions in local communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Program Dates: June 24, 2012-August 3, 2012

Application Deadline: April 9, 2012



**Ford Motor Company Fund
and Community Services**

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For more information, to view informational videos, and to apply visit: www.latino.si.edu/programs/youngambassadors.htm



Dear Educator,

We are pleased to announce the 2012 Young Ambassadors Program. With the support of the Ford Motor Company Fund, the Smithsonian Latino Center will bring a select group of graduating seniors from throughout the country and Puerto Rico to Washington, D.C. Students will participate in an intensive and enriching college preparatory seminar while meeting and working with anthropologists, artists, curators, historians, scientists and other Smithsonian professionals. This incredible program offers our young leaders an opportunity to meet professionals in the field while further exploring their Latino identity and cultural heritage. At the conclusion of the week in Washington participants will then return to their local communities to begin a four-week internship at a recognized museum or cultural center.

The Smithsonian Latino Center is dedicated to enhancing the Latino experience in our nation's capital and beyond. We strive to highlight points of intersection where our communities and cultures converge and to prepare our next generation for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I believe

that our Young Ambassadors program provides an invaluable opportunity for our young leaders to expand their horizons and gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the Latino experience.

We have had great success in reaching out to educators at the local, state, and national levels, and we are looking forward to expanding our outreach by connecting with educators such as you and your colleagues. Please display this poster and invite your students to apply. The deadline is **April 9, 2012**.

For further information and to apply, please visit latino.si.edu/programs/youngambassadors.btm or contact Emily Key, Education Programs Manager, at 202-633-1268 or by email at SLCEducation@si.edu.

Sincerely,



Eduardo Díaz
Director

Who? Graduating high school seniors with a commitment to the arts, sciences, or humanities as it pertains to Latino communities

What? Week-long, all-expenses paid training seminar and a four-week internship with a \$2,000 program stipend

Where? 16 regions

When? June 24-August 3, 2012

Why? Opportunity to explore various career paths, embrace your own cultural heritage, and gain practical skills and intellectual growth

Application deadline: April 9, 2012



The program is eye-opening about Latino culture, about the world around us, and about myself.

Through this unique program I have forged life-long friendships and networking partners and resources.



Inspiring, innovative, enlightening, and engaging.



I can't wait to take this experience and share with others.



Absolutely amazing, life-changing, and incredibly eye-opening.

This experience has made me a better, stronger person.

A once in a lifetime, transforming experience.



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A series of life-changing experiences that have endowed upon me a refreshed perception of myself as a Latino and a leader.



I can't wait to see the world from this newfound perspective.



"Ford invests in education as a pathway to driving dreams. For our fifth year, we are supporting the Young Ambassadors Program, which provides students a once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity through our nation's museum complex."

Joedis Avila

Community Outreach Manager
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