



## ANNOUNCING THE 2008 YOUNG AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Young Ambassadors is a national leadership development program for high school seniors with the aim to cultivate the next generation of Latino leaders in the arts and culture fields through one-on-one interaction with artists, curators, historians, and other museum and arts professionals.

Students with an interest and commitment to the arts (e.g. film, dance, design, music, visual, performing, and/or literary arts) are selected to travel to Washington, D.C. for a week-long arts enrichment and leadership seminar at the Smithsonian Institution. Conducted by world-renowned experts in their respective fields, the seminar encourages youth to examine Latino identity and embrace their own cultural heritage through first-hand observation of the Smithsonian's Latino collections, lectures, and other activities. Following the seminar, students return to museums and other cultural institutions in their local communities, including Smithsonian affiliated organizations, to participate in a four-week summer internship. This program is made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund.

### INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

#### **Long Beach, California**

Museum of Latin American Art

#### **San Francisco, California**

de Young Museum

#### **Miami, Florida**

Bass Museum of Art

The Carnival Center for the Performing Arts

The Wolfsonian-FIU

#### **Chicago, Illinois**

National Museum of Mexican Art

#### **Albuquerque, New Mexico**

National Hispanic Cultural Center

#### **New York, New York**

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

#### **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia Museum of Art

#### **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico

#### **Houston, Texas**

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

#### **San Antonio, Texas**

Museo Alameda

#### **Washington, District of Columbia**

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

National Museum of the American Indian

Smithsonian American Art Museum

#### **East Lansing, Michigan**

Michigan State University Museum





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### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Participation is underwritten by Ford Motor Company Fund and includes meals and accommodations for the duration of the one-week seminar, as well as the cost of round-trip travel to Washington, D.C., and a program stipend. Students selected are responsible for all expenses during the four-week internship, including transportation, accommodations, and meals.

### **PROGRAM STIPEND**

Upon completion of the program, participants will receive \$2,000 towards their higher education. Students that do not complete the seminar and four-week internship will not receive the program stipend.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Admission is competitive. To be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be a high school senior graduating in 2008
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States with a valid Social Security Number at the time of application
- Have a minimum weighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
- Be fluent in English
- Commit to participate in the one-week seminar at the Smithsonian Institution and complete a four-week paid summer internship
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree seeking program at a four-year accredited college or university (enrollment will be verified in the Fall 2008)

### **SELECTION**

Up to twenty-four participants are selected through a competitive process, guided by a selection committee comprised of museum and arts professionals. The selection committee evaluates each application based on the following criteria:

1. Excellence in an arts discipline, including film, dance, design, music, visual, performing, or literary arts
2. Academic record
3. Leadership experience
4. Commitment to the arts
5. Community service



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### APPLICATION CONTENTS

The 2008 Young Ambassadors application includes:

- A complete application form. The application includes an essay (250-750 words) on the topic of how Latino/Hispanic culture has influenced your art form, personal development, and long-term goals.
- An example of work in film, design, music, visual, performing, or literary arts.
- An official transcript, which includes weighted cumulative grade point average.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation or recommendation forms that have been completed by instructors, mentors, and/or advisors.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and submit the online application form.
2. Print a copy of the form.
3. Sign and date the form.
4. Forward the *Recommendation Form* to the recommenders or have them complete a letter of recommendation. Each recommender should return the completed form or letter directly to the applicant.
5. Make a CD or DVD of your work in film, dance, design, music, visual, performing, or literary arts. Only one (1) CD or DVD needs to be submitted per application. If your work is not compatible with digital media, please provide six copies of the work with your application.
6. Make **six (6)** copies of all the application paper materials. **DO NOT STAPLE THE MATERIALS.** Please separate the copies with a color sheet or bind with a clip.
7. Send all materials to the Smithsonian Latino Center. Materials received after the deadline will not be considered by the selection committee.

### DEADLINE

**All application materials are due in the Smithsonian Latino Center office no later than 5 p.m. March 24, 2008.**



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### **PRIORITY MAIL/EXPRESS DELIVERIES**

Young Ambassadors Program  
Smithsonian Latino Center  
600 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Suite 7042 MRC 512  
Washington, DC 20024

### **U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

Young Ambassadors Program  
Smithsonian Latino Center  
P.O. Box 37012 MRC 512  
Washington, DC 20013

### **CALENDAR**

February 19, 2008	Application available at <a href="http://www.latino.si.edu/education">www.latino.si.edu/education</a>
March 24, 2008	Application deadline
March/April, 2008	Application processing
Mid-April, 2008	Selection committee convenes
May 5, 2008	Selection process finalized
June 22 – 27, 2008	Seminar
July 7 – August 1, 2008	Internship

### **NOTIFICATION**

All applicants will be notified of their application status in May 2008.

### **INQUIRIES**

For more information please visit the Smithsonian Latino Center online at <http://latino.si.edu>, or contact Emily Key, Education Programs Manager at 202.633.1268 or email [keye@si.edu](mailto:keye@si.edu).

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