



The World Affairs Council is now accepting applications for the

2011-2012 Student Ambassador Program

Engage with global issues. Gain leadership skills. Become an Ambassador of the World Affairs Council in your community! This program gives high school and college students the opportunity to dive into world issues through research, discussion, outreach and action, while also serving as student leaders at World Affairs Council education programs. Ambassadors will deepen their own knowledge by researching critical global issues and working in groups to find effective ways to address these issues. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a one year membership to the World Affairs Council. There are two ways to participate in the program:

As a **Student Ambassador**, you serve for one academic year and attend meetings at the Council twice a month. By engaging in service, education and advocacy, you will be able to translate your passion and ideas into action. Selected Student Ambassadors will have the opportunity to participate in the WorldAffairs 2012 Take Action Event at the Annual Conference. Additionally, Ambassadors gain access to the Council's public programming and are expected to attend at least two events each semester. Meetings begin October 6 and are held on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. A provisional calendar is attached.

Group Leaders serve as Ambassadors, but also have additional opportunities to sharpen their leadership skills by attending leadership meetings and taking on additional responsibilities, such as facilitating discussions and organizing Global Issue Groups. Past participants in the Ambassador Program, Summer Institute or Annual Conference Policy Simulation who are at least juniors in high school are eligible to apply for the leadership program. Leadership meetings are held once a month. The first leadership meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.





All applications are due on **Monday, September 19th**, 2011 at 5:00 PM

Family Name: _____ **Given Name:** _____

Nickname/Preferred Name: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

School _____ Year/Grade _____ Expected graduation year _____

What Council Programs have you attended? _____

What extracurricular activities have you participated in? Please note any leadership positions.

How did you hear about the Ambassador Program? _____

Are you applying to be a: Student Ambassador Group Leader Either

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE— Please answer the following three questions. Please do not exceed 300 words each.

1. Why do you want to be a Student Ambassador? What international issues particularly interest you?
2. Why do you think it's important to get students interested in international affairs? How would you encourage students to attend a World Affairs Council program?
3. How can young people make a positive impact on global issues?

Additional Questions for Group Leader applicants:

- Why would you make an effective student leader? What leadership skills would you like to improve? How would this opportunity help you develop those skills?





II. ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Submit one letter of recommendation from an academic or extracurricular supervisor (no parents/relatives) explaining why you would be a suitable candidate for this program. The letter should address the length of time and in what capacity the person has known you. The letter must be submitted with your application in a sealed envelope or emailed directly to education@wacsf.org by the recommender.

Note: If your recommender has previously submitted a letter to the World Affairs Council on your behalf, please call or email Netta Ascoli at 415-293-4650 or nascoli@wacsf.org.

Send or email applications to:

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Tentative 2011-2012 Calendar Student Ambassador Meetings

October 6, 2011
October 20, 2011
November 3, 2011
November 17, 2011
December 1, 2011
December 15, 2011
January 5, 2012
January 19, 2012
February 2, 2012
February 16, 2012
March 1, 2012
March 15, 2012
March 29, 2012
April 5, 2012
April 19, 2012 (Graduation)

Additional meetings for
leaders only:

September 29, 2011
October 27, 2011
December 8, 2011
January 12, 2012
February 9, 2012
March 8, 2012
March 22, 2012

All meetings will take place at World Affairs Council headquarters in downtown San Francisco from 5:30-7:30 PM.

