



YAEP 2019 APPLICATION PREVIEW

This document is a preview of the application, available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRK62K8>. This preview document is not intended to replace the online application form.

You may wish to prepare the headshot, student essays, video response, parent essay, and scholarship portion in advance. It is recommended you type all essay responses in a word document prior to beginning the application.

Should you have trouble accessing the application online, please visit <http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/> for a list of public libraries with public computers.

Before you begin:

It is recommended that you review the application before and write the essay questions and parent short answer question on a separate document in order produce your best, edited work.

The application consists of the following sections in this order:

- I. Information About the Program and Applying
- II. About You
- III. Family Information
- IV. Short Answer - Your Activities
- V. International Experience
- VI. Program Questions
- VII. Essay Questions (Three, 100-300-word answers)
- VIII. Video Submission
- IX. Parent Short Answer Question (One, 100- 300-word answer)
- X. Family Information for Hosting
- XI. Medical Information
- XII. Applicant Demographics (does not affect program selection)
- XIII. Scholarship Application (Optional)
- XIV. Signature Pages
- XV. Next Steps (Submission)

It is recommended that before you begin the application, you have the following materials prepared and on hand:

- Your personal calendar to input mandatory dates and deadlines
- A color, digital head-shot photo uploaded onto your computer or drive
- A link to a finished video under
- A copy of your parent's taxes if applying for a scholarship.
- Completed and edited essay questions
- Completed and edited parent short answer
- A strong and uninterrupted internet connection

About You

- Headshot
 - Upload as a png or jpeg file
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Nickname
- Address
- City Council District
 - Find your district [here](#)
- Mobile Phone Number
- Home Phone Number
- Gender
- Pronouns Used
- Are you a US Citizen?
- Age as of June 1st, 2020
- Date of Birth
- High School
- High School Type
- Current Year in School
- Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime?
- Facebook Link
- Instagram Handle(s)
- Twitter Handle(s)

Family Information

- Parent/Guardian 1 Information
 - First and Last Name
 - Occupation
 - Mobile Phone
 - Work Phone
 - Email
- Parent/Guardian 2 Information
 - First and Last Name
 - Occupation
 - Mobile Phone
 - Work Phone
 - Email
- Siblings' Names and Ages (eg. Mary, 6; Joe, 10)

Short Answer

- Detail all school and extracurricular activities since beginning high school. Please describe the activity, your age when completing the activity, the length of involvement, and your specific involvement.
- Detail all community service/volunteering activities since beginning high school. Please describe the activity, your age when completing the activity, the length of involvement, and your specific involvement.
- Apart from the activities listed in questions 25 and 26, what else do you spend your time doing?

International Experience

- What, if any, foreign language(s) have you studied?
- Please include the level of fluency for the language listed above. There is no minimum foreign language requirement for the program.
- How many years have you studied the language listed above?
- If more than one foreign language, please describe fluency and years of study for each language.
- What, if any, countries have you visited or lived in? Please include the length of the visit, the purpose of the visit, and your age at the time. Failure to include a comprehensive answer (including length, purpose, and age) for each visit may negatively affect the scoring of your application.

Essays

Essays should be between 100 and 300 words in length. Please proofread your answers. Complete responses will demonstrate your unique perspective and personality.

- The Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is NOT about giving teenagers an opportunity to see the world. Therefore, what do you think is the program's true purpose?
- During the hosting portion of the program, what aspects of American culture and of your life as a teenager in Phoenix would you focus on demonstrating to your foreign visitor? Why?
- Give us an example of a stereotype regarding Americans that you think you may encounter while abroad. How would you address it?

Video Submission

Produce a video of yourself answering the following question:

"You are going to be on your own in another country. Your ability to adapt will be tested. Describe in detail a situation or occurrence in your life in which you needed to adapt dramatically in order to succeed in an unfamiliar environment. How did you approach this challenge and what were the results? What did you learn about yourself in the process?"

Prepare your answer in advance and don't "wing it." The video may NOT exceed two minutes in length. Please upload your video to Youtube or Vimeo and share the link on this page. Make sure your video is set to public.

If you have difficulty uploading to Youtube or Vimeo, please contact the Program Coordinator at april.cavaletto@phoenix.gov

Parent Question

Answers should not be less than 100 words nor more than 300 words in length.

While abroad, your child will be the responsibility of their foreign counterpart's family and may face challenges for which we will have worked to prepare him or her. Why do you think your child would handle challenges well? Are you prepared to give your child the space to respond to challenges on their own?

Family Information For Hosting

- List all the people living in your home. Please include their name, relation, age, sex, occupation, language(s), and interests.
- Describe applicant's and/or family's previous involvement with Phoenix Sister Cities, if any.
- If applicable, which of your siblings have participated in an international exchange program? Please include their name, the country visited, the sponsoring program, and the year.
- Detail any international exchange students your family has previously hosted. Please include the country, the length of the visit, the sponsoring program, and the year.
- Would you accept an exchange student who is a smoker?
- Would you accept a student of the opposite sex? Opposite gender counterpart pairings require a separate room, bathrooms may remain shared.
- How many exchange students are you willing to host?
 - While all Youth Ambassadors are paired with 1 international ambassador, this is if additional homes are needed for hosting.
- Are you interested in having your application remain on file for future home hosting opportunities?
- If you have pets within your household, please detail the type (e.g. cat, dog, frog) and number.

Medical Questions

- Describe any dietary restrictions or preferences you may have
- Is the dietary limitation one of the following?
 - Allergy/medical
 - Religious restriction
 - Personal preference
- Please list any additional allergies and medical conditions.
- Detail any medications you are currently taking. Please include the frequency and the purpose.

Applicant Demographics

The information requested below DOES NOT affect your program eligibility nor will be considered for selection purposes. Any self-reported demographic questions are to assist the program in its future marketing efforts and inclusivity goals.

- Applicant's race

- Applicant's religious affiliation, if any.
- Unweighted GPA
- What is your sexual orientation?
- How did you learn about the Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program?

Optional Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications are kept confidential. Contents will be shared only with the program staff and selection committee.

IMPORTANT: Funds are limited, and no amount of scholarship is assured. Scholarship applications **MUST** be submitted with this program application in order to be considered.

INSTRUCTIONS

Federal Tax Return:

- To be considered for scholarship, you must submit a copy of your federal tax return for last year (filed this year). Do not send state returns.
- The applicant named above must be listed as a dependent on the tax return
- Personal copies of the tax return will not be accepted. The copy must be a transcript from IRS.
- Transcripts are easy to obtain from IRS. They are available free of charge.
 - Online at: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript>
 - Or at any IRS office. Find the IRS office closest to you at: <http://apps.irs.gov/app/officeLocator/index.jsp>

Mail or hand deliver the tax transcript to:

Phoenix Sister Cities
 ATTN: YAEP
 200 W Washington St, 20th Floor
 Phoenix Arizona 85003

Supporting transcripts must be **RECEIVED** no later than the third Friday in February (2/15/20).

Requests for scholarship will **NOT** be considered if no IRS transcript is received or if the supporting transcript is received after the deadline.

- **PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** Enter the Name(s) of the Taxpayer(s) shown on the federal tax return.
- **TOTAL INCOME:** Enter the Total Income shown on the federal tax return. (If the tax return you filed was a form 10-40, enter the amount shown on Line 22. If the tax return you filed was a form 1040A, enter the amount shown on Line 15).
- **FAMILY SIZE:** Enter the total number of exemptions shown on Line 6D of the federal tax return.

Applicant Signature Pages

Please download, review, and sign the following documents:

<https://www.phoenixsistercities.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/09/Application-Signature-Pages.pdf>

IMPORTANT NOTE: Original, hard copies of the signed signature pages are due at the Finalist Information Session scheduled for February 11, 2019.

Failure to produce original, hard copies of the above listed signature pages will prevent you from selecting an interview slot and moving forward in the selection process.