



# Smithsonian Latino Center

## 2010 YOUNG AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Young Ambassadors Program is a national, interdisciplinary leadership development program for high school seniors. The mission of the program is to foster the next generation of Latino leaders in the arts, sciences, and humanities via the Smithsonian Institution and its resources.

Students with an interest in and commitment to the arts, sciences, and humanities are selected to travel to Washington, D.C. for a week-long seminar at the Smithsonian Institution. The seminar is an enrichment and leadership development training conducted by renowned experts in their respective fields. It encourages youth to explore and understand Latino identity and embrace their own cultural heritage through visits to the Smithsonian's Latino collections and one-on-one interaction with anthropologists, artists, curators, historians, scientists and other museum professionals. Following the training seminar, students participate in a four-week interdisciplinary education internship in museums and other cultural institutions in their local communities, including Smithsonian-affiliated organizations. The hands-on internship allows students to gain practical knowledge and apply skills and knowledge from the training seminar. This program is made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund.

### INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

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

Museum of Latin American Art

#### **San Francisco and Bay Area, California**

Chabot Space and Science Center  
Sonoma County Museum

#### **Miami, Florida**

Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts  
of Miami-Dade County  
Miami Science Museum

#### **Chicago, Illinois**

National Museum of Mexican Art

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

National Hispanic Cultural Center

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

National Museum of the American Indian-  
The George Gustav Heye Center (TBC)

#### **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia Museum of Art

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

Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico

#### **McAllen, Texas**

International Museum of Art and Science

#### **Houston, Texas**

Talento Bilingüe de Houston

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

San Antonio Museum of Art

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

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#### **Scottsdale, Arizona**

Scottsdale Public Art



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## **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Participation in the Young Ambassadors Program is underwritten by Ford Motor Company Fund and includes meals and accommodations for the duration of the one-week training seminar, round-trip travel costs 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 training 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 2010.
- 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 training 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 2010).

## **SELECTION**

Up to 24 participants are selected through a competitive process, guided by a selection committee comprised of museum and education professionals. The selection committee evaluates each application based on the following criteria:

1. Excellence in the:
  - a. **Arts** (film, visual, performing, design, etc.);
  - b. **Sciences** (natural, biological, chemical, planetary, etc.); or
  - c. **Humanities** (language, literature, social sciences, etc.)
2. Academic record
3. Leadership experience
4. Commitment to education
5. Community service



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## APPLICATION CONTENTS

The 2010 Young Ambassadors application includes:

- A complete application form. The application includes 2 short statements (300 words) and 2 essays (500-750 words). Note: 1 short statement is a verbal submission via MP3 audio file. Please email this statement to [SLCEducation@si.edu](mailto:SLCEducation@si.edu) or send via FEDEX or UPS to the Young Ambassadors Program shipping address.
- An unofficial transcript, which includes weighted cumulative grade point average (please include conversion instructions or equivalents if GPA is not on a 4.0 scale)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation that have been completed by instructors, mentors, and/or advisors.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and submit the online application form for the Young Ambassadors Program directly at <http://solaa.si.edu> (Search for Smithsonian Latino Center Young Ambassadors Program) or by linking to the site from <http://www.latino.si.edu/education>. **Note: The application does not recognize special characters or accent marks. Please do not use when filling out the application.**
2. Two letters of recommendation must be submitted. The recommender may submit the letter directly to the SOLAA system. If this method is used, the *applicant* must ensure to enter the recommender's contact information. Additionally, the recommender may email the letter directly to [SLCEducation@si.edu](mailto:SLCEducation@si.edu). Each recommender should submit the letters directly to the Smithsonian Latino Center.
3. Send any materials that cannot be uploaded to the online application 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 pm ET on April 7, 2010.**



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## **UPS/FEDEX DELIVERIES**

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

**Note: Do not send regular mail.**

## **CALENDAR**

February 1, 2010	Application available at <a href="http://www.latino.si.edu/education">http://www.latino.si.edu/education</a>
April 7, 2010	Application deadline
April, 2010	Application processing
Late April, 2010	Selection committee convenes
May 1, 2010	Selection process finalized
June 20 – 26, 2010	Training Seminar
July 5 – July 31, 2010	Internship

## **NOTIFICATION**

All applicants will be notified of their application status in May 2010.

## **INQUIRIES**

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



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