



International Leadership Academy 2012
July 14-29, 2012

Visions of Peace

*Celebrate Global Friendships
with youth from Italy, Germany, Japan, Indonesia,
Hungary, Mexico, Swaziland and China*



Join us for a dynamic summer leadership program bringing Fort Worth students together with more than 100 high school students from our sister cities. This year's theme, "Visions of Peace", will encourage students to explore how youth leadership and civic engagement can influence world peace.

The International Leadership Academy (ILA) is a highly interactive program. Teachers, as well as local and international college interns, serve as facilitators, working with youth to discuss and creatively resolve global issues. Sister Cities has provided this award-winning program since 1989.

Benefits of attending:

- Enhance global leadership, communications, teamwork and problem solving skills
- Learn about cultures, traditions and citizen diplomacy
- Strengthen your global perspective and appreciation for other cultures
- Enhance your college and career opportunities
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from eight countries without leaving Fort Worth

Application Deadline is February 20th

How to apply:

- Students in current grades 9-12 may apply by submitting an application, current photo, report card, and **two** teacher recommendations (**may be faxed separately**)
- Include one page typed essay on **one** of the two topics requested on the application.
- Include a \$25 Fort Worth Youth International membership fee (if not a current member)

Limited scholarships are available based on financial need.

Mandatory Applicant Interviews:

- **Sunday, March 4th at Arlington Heights High School. Students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. One hour group interviews will be held at 2pm, 3pm or 4pm.**

Confirmation letter with interview time will be emailed/mailed once application is received.

Tuition: \$875. A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due March 19th. Final balance less deposit and scholarship if awarded is due May 7th.

Tuition includes:

- Course materials and instructor fees
- TCU dorm room for twelve days with international roommate
- Transportation and entry fees for local field trips
- All breakfasts, most lunches and dinners
- Class T-shirt, program certificate, class photo, and "memories" DVD
- Priority consideration for Sister Cities Youth International Ambassador spring and summer exchanges in 2013
- Closing dance, recognition ceremony and international dessert reception with parents and host families



International Leadership Academy 2012 Student Application

Deadline February 20th, 2012

**Attach
Recent Photo
Here**

Please print clearly in black ink

Name _____ DOB _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

School _____ Grade Level _____ HS Grad Yr _____ T-shirt size (Please check one): S M L XL

Parent (s) Name _____ Email _____

Home Ph _____ Parent ph (Mom/Dad/Guardian) Wk _____ Cell _____

Hosting opportunities - July 6 - 13 and/or July 20 - 22

Yes! I am interested in hosting an international student. **No,** I am unable to host, but would like to participate in the program.

Scholarship Request

Limited partial scholarships are available based upon financial need. If interested, complete a scholarship request by Feb.20th.

Checklist: Attach the items listed below and fax, email, mail or hand deliver by February 20, 2012

- Current color photo with application
- \$25 Fort Worth Youth International membership fee (if not a current member) payable to Fort Worth Sister Cities
- Copy of last report card
- One page typed essay. Choose **ONE** of the following questions: **1)** Describe the connection of your leadership role in promoting peace in the past, present or future. **2)** What role could a particular example of art play in promoting peace in your community? (could be architecture, music, drama, visual, culinary)
- Two teacher recommendations faxed directly to the Sister Cities office by February 20th. Use attached forms.
- If you have applied and interviewed as a 2012 Youth Ambassador, you only need to submit application and attend interview

February 20	Application Deadline
March 4	Mandatory one hour group interview with parent/guardian at Arlington Heights High School
March 5	Letters of acceptance mailed
March 19	\$150 non-refundable deposit due
April 27-28	Student cultural briefing and lock-in. Location and details TBA in acceptance letters.
May 7	Final balance due
Late June	Mandatory final student briefing and orientation with parents at 6:00 pm. Location to be announced
July 14	TCU dorm move-in and international student arrival, 2 pm check-in
July 17	International desserts reception and cultural programs. All hosts and parents invited. 6:30 pm
July 20-22	Weekend home stay
July 23	Dorm check-in 7am-8am
July 27	Farewell dance
July 28	Recognition and closing ceremonies at TCU Ed Landreth Auditorium, 10:00 am
July 29	TCU dorm check-out. International students depart

**Teacher Recommendation
Fort Worth Sister Cities International
International Leadership Academy 2012**

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Your confidential evaluation of this student is greatly appreciated. **Recommendations should be mailed or faxed directly to the address listed below by February 20th. Comments will be kept confidential.**

Recommendation Deadline: February 20th, 2012

Fort Worth Sister Cities International - www.fwsistercities.org
610 Grove Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102
p. 817.632-7101 | f. 817.632-7120
Contact Irene Chase, Vice President - irene@fwsistercities.org

Student name: _____ School Name: _____

Subjects taught this student: _____

Teacher's name: _____ Email: _____

Rating Scale:

- 1) Unacceptable 2) Needs Improvement 3) Acceptable 4) Commendable 5) Superior

<u>Evaluated Area</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Maturity	_____
Interest in cultural diversity	_____
Flexibility	_____
Sensitivity to others	_____
Team player	_____
Communication skills	_____
Open-mindedness	_____
Respect for authority	_____

Please briefly explain why you would/would not recommend this student's acceptance as a youth ambassador.

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Fort Worth Sister Cities International
International Leadership Academy Scholarship Request
Request Deadline: February 20th, 2012

Application No. _____

Date Received _____

please print

Last Name First Name Middle name

Name of School _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Day Telephone # _____ Email _____

Are you currently employed: Yes / No Employer _____ Hours per Week _____

Parent or Guardian information:

Number & ages of dependents living at home _____ Number of family members in college _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Employer _____

Annual Income _____ Annual Income _____

Other annual Income _____

Guardian Name _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Annual income _____

Address of father / mother / guardian if different from above Telephone #

Brief description of unusual family expenses: _____

Brief specific statement on reason(s) for scholarship request: _____

Dollar amount of scholarship requested for son/daughter to participate in this exchange: _____

Scholarships are limited and issued based on financial need. They do not cover program deposits.

Please attach a copy of last tax return with scholarship request. All information will remain confidential. You will be notified of determination within two weeks of receipt of completed request. Please fax forms to Sister Cities office by February 20th.

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