

July 8-23, 2023

Building relationships and developing leaders for over 30 years with youth from China, Eswatini, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and the USA





INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PEACE BUILDERS

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Expand your global perspective with youth from China, Eswatini, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, & USA

Join this dynamic summer leadership program bringing Fort Worth high school students together with students from around the world. This year's theme, "Peace Builders", will encourage students to explore how they see other cultures and understand global influences while using leadership skills they gain to promote world peace through service to their communities. They will also gain essential leadership and communication skills from cross-cultural activities such as art, music, and language studies to make their communities a more peaceful place.

The International Leadership Academy is led by a team of highly qualified and experienced educators who, along with several international partners, have developed a very interactive program. Local and international university interns serve as facilitators, working with the students to discuss and creatively resolve global issues. Sister Cities has provided this award-winning program since 1989.

Benefits of attending:

- Improve leadership, communication, and problem solving skills
- Enhance college and career opportunities
- Experience the rich and unique cultures of Fort Worth's nine sister cities
- Strengthen global perspective and appreciation of other cultures
- Increase cultural competency
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from around the world

Registration Deadline: March 24, 2023

How to apply:

- 1. U.S. students in **current grades 9-12** may <u>apply online here</u> and submit application, upload current photo, most recent report card, and essay on a person who has inspired your interest in global awareness and peace.
- 2. Pay the \$25 Fort Worth Youth International membership fee (if not a current member)
- 3. Request two teachers to fill out the <u>Teacher Recommendation Form here</u>.

*If you applied and were selected to be a 2023 Youth Ambassador, you only need to submit the application and attend the interview *

<u>Tuition:</u> \$1,450 USD. \$500 non-refundable deposit due April 28.

Includes:

- Course materials and instructor fees
- Housing at TCU with international students
- Transportation and entry fees for local cultural activities
- All breakfasts, most lunches and dinners
- Commemorative class t-shirt, certificate and class photo
- Closing Youth Ambassador's dance, recognition ceremony and international reception

IMPORTANT DATES

March 24 Application Deadline
April 1 Mandatory interview

April 28 \$500 non-refundable deposit due

May 26 Final balance due

July 8 International Leadership Academy begins

July 13-17 Homestay weekend

July 23 International Leadership Academy concludes

Questions?
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