

GLOBAL LEADERS IN ACTION

July 13-26, 2026

Expand your global perspective with youth from Fort Worth and our nine sister cities from around the world

Join this dynamic summer leadership and service experience bringing high school students together from around the world. Global Leaders in Action will encourage students to explore how they see other cultures and understand global influences while using youth leadership skills to promote peace through service to their communities. Global Leaders will collaborate with one another to design and implement leadership and cultural training for younger students in the Fort Worth community and visit various local nonprofits to experience community-enhancing leadership. They will also gain essential leadership and communication skills through cross-cultural activities such as art, music, and language studies to make their communities a more peaceful place.

Global Leaders in Action is led by a team of highly qualified and experienced educators who, along with several international partners, have developed a highly interactive program. Local university students will facilitate group learning experiences as Global Leaders collaborate to learn, problem solve, and design and implement their own leadership and cultural competency trainings.

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 sister cities
- Strengthen global perspective and appreciation of other cultures
- Increase cultural intelligence
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from around the world

*** Extended * Registration Deadline: April 12, 2026**



How to apply:

1. U.S. students in **current grades 9-12** may apply online using the QR code below or visiting fwsistercities.org. Students are asked to submit the application with a current photo, most recent report card, and essay on a person who has inspired your interest in global awareness and peace.
2. Submit two Teacher Recommendations.

*If you were selected to be a 2026 Youth Ambassador, you only need to submit the application and attend the interview *

Tuition: \$950 USD total. \$100 non-refundable deposit due May 1. Tuition includes:

- Course materials and instructor fees
- Room and board for four nights at a local university
- Transportation and entry fees for local cultural activities
- Commemorative t-shirt and certificate
- Accommodations and meals for lock-in
- Closing ceremony and reception

Important Dates:

April 12

April 21 and 22

May 1

May 9

June 12

June 27

July 13

July 13–17

July 17–27

July 20–24

July 24

July 26

July 27

Application Deadline

Mandatory interview

\$100 non-refundable deposit due

1st Participant Orientation

Final balance due

2nd Participant Orientation & Home Host Orientation

Global Leaders in Action begins

Communal living at local university

International students home hosted by local GLA participants

Programs at community centers and local businesses / nonprofit organizations

Lock In

Closing Ceremony / Global Leaders in Action concludes

International participants depart

Click or scan the QR code to apply!



Questions?

Contact Paige Collins, Youth & Education Manager — paige@fwsistercities.org