

Youth Leadership Summit 2026

Deadline to Apply: Sun, Feb 1, 2026 9:00 PM

Eligibility Criteria

- **Age Range:** Applicants must be 14-18 years old at the time of YLS.
- **Sister City Affiliation:** Participants must be associated with a Sister City Organization, either as members, volunteers, or program participants.
- **Interest in Citizen Diplomacy:** Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to fostering international cooperation and understanding.
- **Leadership Potential:** Candidates should exhibit leadership qualities and a willingness to engage in leadership development activities.
- **Commitment:** Applicants must be available to attend the entirety of YLS. Scheduling conflicts must be communicated in advance.
- **Parent Guardian Consent: For participants under the age of 18, parent/guardian consent is required to apply for YLS.**
- **International Students** are welcome to apply but are responsible for their own visa and travel arrangements. Sister Cities International will provide visa recommendation letters upon acceptance.

Application Required Materials

- Two letters of recommendation: one from a school teacher and one from your local Sister City contact.
- A one-minute video answering, "How will participating in the Youth Leadership Summit contribute to your future goals, and why do you want to attend?"
- Three short-answer questions (300 words max)