



YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE AFRICAN LIBRARY PROJECT?

The African Library Project changes lives book by book by starting libraries in rural Africa. We mobilize U.S. volunteers to organize book drives and ship books to a matched school or community. To date, we have started 3,086 libraries in 12 African countries and we hope to create more! Learn more about our work at www.africanlibraryproject.org

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The African Library Project Youth Ambassador (YA) Program is a unique volunteer leadership program designed for youth in grades 6-12 who are passionate about helping others. Through experiential learning opportunities, workshops, and events, the YA program empowers youth nationwide to make a real difference in their local communities and in our African partner countries.

As an ALP Youth Ambassador, you will inspire and support your peers and others in your community to lead grassroots book drives to help develop new libraries in Africa. You will also work to educate others about the need for books around the world and increase knowledge about our African partner countries. Throughout the program, youth ambassadors will gain tools to become transformative community catalysts and stronger leaders of social change. The current program cycle runs through the end of December, 2020.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Collaborating with other youth ambassadors to recruit and support community book drives
- Sharing community updates and impact stories on social media and other websites
- Participating in two community advocacy efforts that promote literacy. Examples include but are not limited to: volunteer recruitment, community events, blogging

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: OPTIONAL

- Contribute to Youth Ambassador leadership projects: peer mentoring and STEM initiatives



- Be part of the Youth Ambassador Digital Impact Team by selecting one of the following digital media focus areas: Audio, Video, Photography/Design, Social Media, Data/Analysis. The Digital Impact Team promotes literacy with the skill of their choice.
- Join our Youth Ambassador Book Club.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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| Are you in the grade levels 6 - 12? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you have enthusiasm for leadership and community outreach? | Yes | No |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please attach and send your application materials to Tatiana Santos at tatiana@africanlibraryproject.org with the following subject line: with the following subject line:

YAP Application_Applicant LAST NAME, Applicant FIRST NAME

Example: YAP Application_Santos, Tatiana

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Youth Ambassador Program Application
Parent / Guardian Consent Form (if applicant under 18)

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| Full Name: | |
| Email Address: | |
| Home Phone #: | Mobile Phone #: |
| Current Address: Address line, City, State, Zip Code | |
| Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY) | Are you under 18? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |



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| Name of School: | |
| What is your current grade level? | |
| 6th Grade | 9th Grade |
| 7th Grade | 10th Grade |
| 8th Grade | 11th Grade |
| | 12th Grade |
| Have you completed an African Library Project Book Drive? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, how many and when? | |

How did you hear about the African Library Project?

- Internet Search (Google, Bing, etc.)
- African Library Project Social Media Pages (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)
- From a friend, classmate, or family member
- Your school or another organization (i.e. Girl Scouts, etc.) Please specify:
- Conference or Fair. Please specify:
- Other:

Why are you applying for the Youth Ambassador Program? Mark all that apply.

- To improve my college resume
- I am interested in pursuing a career in international development and/or nonprofit work
- To connect with other youth
- To fulfill community service or volunteer requirements (i.e. Community service hours) Please Specify:
- Other:

Please describe any activities or volunteer work you are involved in and include the weekly time commitments for these activities. Be sure to include any clubs or organizations you belong to that may be interested in ALP’s work.

| Activities | Weekly Time Commitment (hours) |
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| <i>Example:</i> Junior Varsity Basketball Team | 6 hours |



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| <p>Are you interested in helping us create social media content for our youth audiences?</p> <p>If yes, please fill in the information below.</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
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Please list your social media handles for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or any other relevant platforms. (Optional)

| Social Media Platform | Username |
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| <i>Example:</i> Facebook | @AfricanLibraryProject |
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The following section is VOLUNTARY and failure to provide it will not affect your application. The information provided will be maintained confidentially and used only in ways that are consistent with applicable law.

What is your ethnic background?

Black/African American

Native American



Caucasian/White
Hispanic/Latino
Asian

Pacific Islander
Other:

What is your gender?

Female
Male

Non-binary/ third gender
Prefer to self-describe

B. SHORT RESPONSE SECTION

Please respond to the following questions (100 - 150 words for each question). You can type directly into the boxes below OR attach a separate word document with your responses.

1. A core component of your responsibilities as a Youth Ambassador is to recruit community members to organize their own book drives. What is it about the African Library Project's mission that you connect with the most, and why?

2. What skills or qualities are you hoping to gain to help you grow as a leader? Why?

3. List any community issues or causes that you would like to learn more about. (examples can be: global literacy, environmental protection, homelessness, voter rights, etc.)



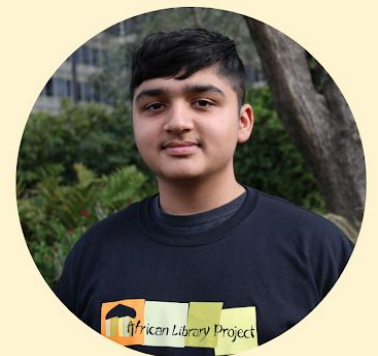
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| <p>Are you interested in assisting with YA leadership projects?</p> <p>If yes, please list which project you are interested in. You may select more than one.</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
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| <p>Are you interested in joining the Digital Impact Team?</p> <p>If yes, please list which area you would like to focus on.</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
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| <p>Are you interested in joining the YA Book Club?</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
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Thank you for submitting your application to the Youth Ambassador Program. We look forward to reading your application. You will receive an email confirming your application, and to also schedule a brief phone interview with Tatiana, the program coordinator.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Tatiana at tatiana@africanlibraryproject.org

