



YOUTH DIPLOMATS PROGRAM

— *Activating the Next Generation of Global Citizens* —

*Gulf Coast
Diplomacy
challenges you
to think about
a world
MUCH BIGGER
than your own.*

The **Gulf Coast Diplomacy Youth Diplomats** is an 11 month experiential learning program to equip & empower teens in Northwest Florida to become active **global citizens**.

We meet once a month to explore topics in **global affairs & diplomacy**. You'll build your **leadership & intercultural communication** skills in the process.

You'll learn about the **people, culture & issues** of various countries through meetings with exchange students & professionals participating in U.S. Department of State & U.S. Congressional exchanges.

You'll also discover **scholarships, college & career options** & network with **global experts**. Up to 24 students will be invited to join us.

APPLY TODAY & EXPLORE TOMORROW

The journey begins June 2024.

We are a local, nonpartisan nonprofit promoting citizen diplomacy in NW Florida by hosting U.S. Dept of State exchange programs for experts & youth from around the world.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

8th-11th graders who are:

- Graduating in 2025 or later
- Curious about the world & open to diverse perspectives



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You'll receive service hours when engaging with international visitors and participating in service activities with nonprofits.



MORE INFO

www.gulfcoastdiplomacy.org
APPLY BY May 31!

There is no fee to apply.

Questions?
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Anticipated Schedule for June 2024 - April 2025

*Camp Global: June 18-21, 10 -
11:30 AM (via Zoom)*

*IYLEP: July 26 - August 7,
weekdays only, 8 AM - 5 PM*

Regular Meetings

**Saturdays, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
in downtown Pensacola**

*August 28
September 28
October 26
November 16
December 14
January 25
February 8
March 29
April 19*

*Topics for June—October will be
determined by the seventh cohort
of Youth Diplomats at the April
2024 session.*

*Topics for November—April will be
determined by the eighth cohort at
the October 2024 session.*

*All meetings are in person unless
noted otherwise.*



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Are you curious about global affairs? Do you like learning about different cultures? Apply to be a Gulf Coast Diplomacy Youth Diplomat!

What's the commitment?

- Attend 7 of 9 regular sessions one Saturday per month, Aug 2024-April 2025 and either Camp Global in June or the Youth Ambassadors exchange in July. Attending either of the two summer sessions counts as a make-up for a missed regular meeting and Youth Diplomats are encouraged to attend both;
- Produce one blog post or social media post; and
- Read the materials provided at the end of each session to be ready to engage at the next month's session.

What are the benefits?

Youth Diplomats:

- Develop 21st century skills including critical thinking, collaboration & media literacy;
- Strengthen their knowledge of global affairs;
- Earn community service hours alongside international exchange participants;
- Earn digital credentials aligned with the Open Badges standard; and
- Have access to an array of scholarships promoting international exchange and language proficiency.

How much does it cost?

- Tuition for the year is \$120.
- Need-based tuition waivers are available.

Sample Activities

Past Youth Diplomats:

- Explored the Peace Corps & the U.S. Foreign Service;
- Participated in diplomatic simulations;
- Explored intercultural communication, the situation in Ukraine, and historic preservation in Albania;
- Engaged in activities with teens from Central America and Kosovo;
- Met with professionals from Armenia, Morocco, & Pakistan; and
- Built friendships across our region and the world.

INFORMATION & APPLICATION: WWW.GULFCOASTDIPLOMACY.ORG