

2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC ECO-AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

APPLICATION INFORMATION



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BACKGROUND



HISTORY OF THE ECO-AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

For over 10 years, Faith in Place has offered the Eco-Ambassador Program during the summer to youth 14-18 years of age. Eco Ambassadors learn about environmental justice and climate change and are empowered to lead on environmental solutions through individual research projects, team building, public presentations, educational field trips, nature outings, habit restoration, and camping.

This year the Eco Ambassador Program is going year-round for youth interested in continuing their summer Eco-Ambassador experience, leadership projects, connection to nature, and understanding about environmental justice.

FAQS



Why an Academic Year Program?

Often, youth that participate in the Summer Eco Ambassador Program want to continue their leadership projects, job experience, and advocacy for environmental justice. However, youth are limited to five weeks in the summer. The Academic Year program will give youth a part-time job opportunity for youth to continue advocating for environmental justice throughout the year!

What if we are still remote?

The Faith in Place youth program will adapt and provide a remote virtual experience using Zoom technology. Virtual spaces are an opportunity to provide a meaningful experience, youth support, and social interaction amidst social distancing protocols.

Who Can Join?

This program is targeted to welcome youth from environmental justice communities, ages 14-18. We prioritize youth of color who historically participated in the Summer Eco-Ambassador Program; however, we welcome any new youth interested in environmental justice to apply. While we generally select high school students to participate, on occasion, we make an exception for first-year college students.

Eco Ambassadors will be selected from the following regions:

- Chicago
- Chicago's North & West Suburbs
- Lake County
- Central Illinois
- Southern Illinois

PROGRAM DETAILS

FAITH IN PLACE'S ECO-AMBASSADOR PROGRAM HAS HELPED GROW MY PASSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE. STRIVING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THROUGHOUT MY LIFE.

-MIA, 2020 ECO-AMBASSADOR



Schedule

The program will run for 33 weeks from approximately the middle of September to the end of May. Expect to dedicate 3-6 hours per week. Parent and youth orientation will take place in September. Expect to meet once a week for two hours and once a month for 2-3 hours.

Location

The Academic-Year Eco Ambassador Program is a hybrid program, meaning that it takes place both virtually and in person. Weekly programming will take place on Zoom and site visits will take place at regional sites.

Stipend

\$50 per week for Eco Ambassadors

How to Apply

Please complete this application form and set up an interview by September 5, 2022.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHAUx4sgSolLYKhkO84tSaTRu8XvkwPI1-WVuopVwb8Bs8ZA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions please feel free to email the youth program coordinator at Cesar@faithinplace.org