



Student Ambassador Program (SAP) APPLICATION

2017-2018 Program

OVERVIEW

The Soldotna Chamber of Commerce's Student Ambassador Program seeks to reach out to those youth who are the next generation of leaders for the City of Soldotna. The program's activities will introduce the participants to a comprehensive survey of civic education, community service, and youth leadership development, within the Greater Soldotna area as well as subthemes such as social inclusion, tourism, and entrepreneurship. Activities will focus on building their knowledge and skill levels in these areas. The students will participate in Soldotna Chamber of Commerce workshops, Chamber community service activities, meetings with community leaders, Chamber meetings, and discussion groups and will have opportunities for substantive interaction with each other and with the program's mentors that will help prepare them for future Soldotna leadership. Any costs will have to be covered by the student but are expected to be minimal and will be waived for those who cannot afford the program. This program is, also, designed to motivate students to think seriously about the role they would like to play and the difference they can make in their community.

GUIDELINES

As participants in the program, Student Ambassadors will have the opportunity to become involved in city-wide events, tour local businesses, job shadow, and hear from key note speakers in our community. Student involvement is required, and a Student Ambassador's level of participation will be documented using a point system.

QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible candidates for the 2017-18 Student Ambassador Program includes students who will be enrolling in the eleventh or twelfth grades at participating, Soldotna area high schools. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of a 2.8 is required.

The following content must be submitted by **April 28th** to become eligible for admission into the program:

1. Youth must be at least 16 years of age
2. a. A completed 2017-2018 application form (Attached)
 - b. Two letters of recommendation (one source must be obtained from your high school and one source must be obtained from a community mentor)
 - c. A completed short answer form (Attached)
 - d. A one paragraph, entry essay that answers the question:
Why do you aspire to be a Student Ambassador and represent Soldotna Chamber of Commerce? (Attached)
3. Proof of GPA (Transcript)
4. Students must volunteer a *minimum* of 20 hours while enrolled in the program. Participants will be required to sign in at each event. (~2 hours/month for the 10 month program)
5. Students must agree to the Code of Conduct, and have a willingness to give of your time and energy.