Application for 2023-2024 Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania

This is a sample application for planning purposes only. All applications must be filled out online:
https://www.keeppabeautiful.org/programs/education/young-ambassadors-of-pennsylvania/

The Young Ambassador of Pennsylvania Program seeks to inspire and empower youth to keep our communities clean and beautiful by providing them with resources to:

- Educate on the importance of litter prevention and other environmental efforts.
- Spread awareness of litter and illegal dumping prevention, and organize community improvement efforts in their local communities.
- Network with like-minded community members and leaders to build stewardship in their communities.
- Become leaders and capacity builders (what is capacity building?) in their communities.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and PennDOT invite 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to help us keep Pennsylvania beautiful. Applicants should be passionate about the environment and committed to making Pennsylvania the best place to live, work and play through volunteerism and leadership. Applications are being accepted August 1 through September 14, 2023. If you have any questions, please email Kylie McCutcheon at kmccutcheon@keeppabeautiful.org.

If you are not able to complete the application in one session, click the “Save and Continue Later” link at the bottom of the page. You will receive a unique link to continue later, which will only be valid for 30 days. Please note we are only able to review completed applications submitted.
General Information

First name ____________________________________________________________
Last name ____________________________________________________________
Nickname/preferred name _______________________________________________

What pronouns do you use?
○ She/Her
○ He/Him
○ She/They
○ He/They
○ They/Them
○ Prefer not to answer
○ Other ____________________________________________________________

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY) ______

Current age ____________________

Grade level in 23-24 school year
○ 10
○ 11
○ 12

Name of School (or homeschool) _________________________________________
School District _______________________________________________________

Please select the racial category or categories with which you most closely identify. Check as many as apply.
○ American Indian or Alaska Native
○ Asian
○ Black or African American
○ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
○ White
○ Prefer not to say
Are You Hispanic or Latino/a/x?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Prefer not to say

What is your T-shirt size?
○ XS ○ 2XL
○ S ○ 3XL
○ M ○ 4XL
○ L ○ 5XL
○ XL

Student Contact Info

Mailing Address ______________________
Street address________________________
Address Line 2________________________
City, State, Zip ______________________
County (Allegheny, Berks, York, etc.) ________________

Phone Number ______________________________________________________
Email Address ______________________________________________________

Did you apply to be a Young Ambassador last year?
○ Yes
○ No
Session Information, Accessibility and Availability

All required sessions will be virtual; your community engagement events will be in person and local to you. Do you have reliable access to the internet and other technology resources?

○ Yes  ○ No

Google Classroom will be the primary interface during this program, have you used this platform before?

○ Yes  ○ No

Are you currently utilizing social media?

We encourage Young Ambassadors to promote KPB’s mission and your involvement in the program in your community or on tools like social media.

○ Yes  ○ No

If so, which ones? Check all that apply.

○ Twitter  ○ Snapchat
○ Facebook  ○ Tik Tok
○ Instagram  ○ LinkedIn
○ Other ______________

Please rank the programs that interest you with 1 being of most interest and 5 being least interested. Please use each number only once.

— Greening and Beautification (Landscaping, Graffiti abatement, Murals, etc.)
— Community Revitalization
— Litter and Illegal Dump Prevention and Cleanups
— Environmental Education
— Waste Reduction and Recycling

Are there any other related topics that interest you?
Short Answer Questions

1. Please introduce yourself, share any hobbies or interests, fun facts about yourself, if you ever had to overcome adversity, or anything else that makes you, YOU.

2. Please tell us what environmental and or community issues you are passionate about and why you want to be a Young Ambassador.

3. If you have a job, regularly volunteer, or have other commitments outside of school please share those with us.

4. Considering your current commitments and obligations, how confident are you that you will complete all requirements?

5. Finish this sentence with the goals you hope to achieve as an Ambassador or how you intend to make an impact: I pledge to keep Pennsylvania beautiful by _______________________________.

Your response to question 5 may be used for promotional materials.
Please upload the following:

- One Letter of Recommendation from someone other than an immediate family member (upload as a PDF)
- One photo of yourself (upload as a PNG or JPEG)*

Please include your name in both file names so we can match it with your application. (ex: J_Smith photo.jpeg and J_Smith-LOR.pdf)

*Upload a clear and recent picture of yourself doing something that you love that if accepted, we can use to promote your participation in the program. This picture should be something similar to what you would use as a profile picture on social media. See photos from last year’s participants as examples: https://www.keeppabeautiful.org/programs/education/young-ambassadors-of-pennsylvania/

Photo sharing permission
By uploading a photo, I give Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful permission to share my photo on their website, social media and/or other promotional materials, if selected.

○ Agree

Parent/Guardian permission to participate
By checking here, I acknowledge that if selected to participate in this program, a parent’s or guardian’s permission will be required.

○ Agree

How did you hear about this opportunity?
○ Twitter ○ KPB Affiliate
○ Facebook ○ PennDOT
○ School ○ PA DEP
○ KPB Newsletter ○ Other ______________________
○ KPB Press release

I certify that all information in my application is accurate and true.

○ Agree
*Please note that you will ONLY be emailed your accepted or denied letter, please regularly check your email (junk and spam as well). The letter will be emailed between September 29th and October 6th. If accepted there will be things that must be done ASAP to confirm your acceptance.

Applicant signature:
This serves as your official e-signature and authorizes your application.

Please type your full name here________________________________________

Today’s date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____________________

**Next steps**

- Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and PennDOT will review applications and score each based on the criteria below.
- All applicants will receive confirmation of their application and will be notified no later than mid-October on their acceptance into the program.

Please feel free to reach out to Kylie McCutcheon kmccutcheon@keeppabeautiful.org with any questions before, during or after filling out the application!

**Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania Scoring Rubric**

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<td>Applicant submitted a quality application and provided thoughtful and complete answers.</td>
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<td>Applicant's passion aligns with program focus areas including the environment and or community.</td>
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<td>The applicant is likely to complete the program requirements.</td>
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