



Application for 2025-2026 Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania (Program: September 2025-May 2026)

This is a sample application for planning purposes only. All applications must be filled out online:

<https://www.keppabeautiful.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 April 1 through June 10, 2025. If you have any questions, please email Kylie McCutcheon at kmccutcheon@keppabeautiful.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 25-26 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
- ☐ S
- ☐ M
- ☐ L
- ☐ XL
- ☐ 2XL
- ☐ 3XL
- ☐ 4XL
- ☐ 5XL

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.

- ☐ X/ Twitter ☐ Snapchat
☐ Facebook ☐ Tik Tok
☐ Instagram ☐ LinkedIn
☐ Other _____

Are there any specific environmental topics, organizations or programs 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. Please note that other commitments will not disqualify you from consideration.

4. Considering your current commitments and obligations, how confident are you that you will complete all requirements of the Young Ambassador program?

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:

- Encouraged but not required: One Letter of Recommendation from someone other than an immediate family member (upload as a PDF)
- Required: One photo of yourself that can be shared on social media and in program promotions (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 that **if accepted, can be used 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:

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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?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> X/Twitter | <input type="radio"/> KPB Press release |
| <input type="radio"/> Facebook | <input type="radio"/> KPB Affiliate |
| <input type="radio"/> School | <input type="radio"/> PennDOT |
| <input type="radio"/> Previous Young Ambassador | <input type="radio"/> PA DEP |
| <input type="radio"/> KPB Newsletter | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

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

☐ Agree

***Note that you will ONLY be emailed your accepted or denied letter. Please regularly check your email, including junk and spam folders. The letter will be emailed between July 25th and August 9th. If accepted, there will be things that must be done immediately to confirm your acceptance.**

Applicant signature:

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

Please type your name how you want it to appear on our website and other acknowledgements if accepted _____

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 August 9th of their acceptance to the program.
- Virtual Orientation will be held in the beginning of September or mid-September.
- **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

Scoring Criteria	Points	Maximum Points
Applicant submitted a quality application and provided thoughtful and complete answers.	0-3	3
Applicant's passion aligns with program focus areas including the environment and/or community.	0-5	5
The applicant is likely to complete the program requirements.	0-5	5
The applicant is able to articulate how the program will help them meet their individual goals.	0-5	5
Letter of Recommendation submitted (not required)	0 or 2	2
Total Maximum Points		20

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