



Application for 2026-2027 Young Ambassadors of Pennsylvania (Program: September 2026-May 2027)

*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, 2026. If you have any questions, please email Kylie McCutcheon at [kmccutcheon@keppabeautiful.org](mailto: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

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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 26-27 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

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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

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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 KPБ'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?

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## Short Answer Questions

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*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?**

- X
- Facebook
- School
- Previous Young Ambassador
- KPB Newsletter
- KPB Press release
- KPB Affiliate
- PennDOT
- PA DEP
- 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 25<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 (FIRST, LAST) 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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@keepbeautiful.org](mailto:kmccutcheon@keepbeautiful.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
<b>Total Maximum Points</b>		<b>20</b>

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