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Youth Ambassadors Program 2008

Bolivian Public School Students to be Selected for Academic Travel to the United States

The second version of the Youth Ambassadors Educational and Cultural Exchange Program, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, Partners of the Americas, and the Bolivian-American Bi-national Centers will be carried out from April 13-27, 2008. Applications will be received from December 27, 2007 to February 15, 2008.

Ten outstanding Bolivian public school students, between 15 and 18 years of age, will be selected to travel to the U.S. for two weeks under the Youth Ambassadors Initiative. This cultural exchange program is financed by the U.S. Government through the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This program is organized by Partners of the Americas, a non-profit private institution, the Bolivian-American Bi-National Centers in several Bolivian cities, and the U.S. Embassy in La Paz. These institutions select the Bolivian public school students from low income families throughout the country, who are outstanding due to their academic excellence, leadership, social commitment, and volunteer work. The students must have a solid English language background and must not have traveled abroad in the past.

The selected students will travel to the United States from April 13 to 27, 2008. In this tour, the students will have a chance to visit Washington, D.C. and two other states. During the second week, of the program the students will live with a host family and they will attend school along with other American students to participate in cultural, social, and volunteer activities.

Applications for this program will be received from December 27, 2007 until February 15, 2008. The list of selected students will be announced on March 14, 2008.

In order to apply, the interested students have to fill out a form and submit it to the Bi-National Center in their cities, along with the other required documents. The application form can be obtained from the U.S. Embassy website (<http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>) or from the Bi-National Centers. They can also be obtained directly from the Bolivian-American Centers' Academic Directorates or their Student Advisor's offices.