

We are so happy that you are interested in participating in the WorldOregon's Young Leaders in Action (YLA) program. We look forward to learning about you and what makes you a good candidate!

Who should apply?

Any Portland-area high school student who will be a sophomore, junior, or a senior in the 2020-2021 school year is eligible to apply. Applicants will be selected based on:

- Interest in learning about international issues and other cultures.
- Passion to take action and serve their local and global community.
- Commitment to working with staff and other youth to advance the program goals.
- Ability to bring a unique perspective and voice to the program. We value diversity in ideas, cultures, experience, and background.

Young Leaders in Action is a program that brings together high school students from across the Portland metro area to develop the skills to become engaged, resourceful, and activated youth leaders in Oregon who possess the confidence and skills to be contributing members of their own communities and the broader world. Participants meet two times per month (virtually and in-person), from October-May, to take part in the following activities:

Workshops on critical global issues with local relevance that are shaping our community and the broader world such as, *climate change, gender equality, immigration and education*. Emphasis will be placed on the strategies, challenges, and successes of youth-led initiatives at home and around the world.

Intercultural activities within the YLA group, with local community members, and with international youth leaders visiting Portland from around the world as part of WorldOregon's [International Visitor Leadership Program](#).

Leadership trainings on how to become effective leaders in Portland and beyond including: *critical thinking, project planning, teamwork, problem-solving, asset-mapping, and conflict resolution*. Public speaking opportunities allow YLA participants to showcase their global perspective, leadership skills, and passion for social change to a wide array of audiences.

Networking with local youth, community leaders, social service agencies in the Portland metro area and non-governmental organizations from around the world. Students gain access to local and global leaders, changemakers who have overcome obstacles, learned successful strategies, and taken action on enacting positive changes in their own communities and the broader world.

Social action projects that are organized, planned, executed and led by Young Leaders in Action participants throughout the course of the program. Social Action Projects will include the broader community in a culminating event in the spring.

Application Checklist

All application materials must be submitted by **September 20th, 2020**

You can print the application and fill it out by hand, or fill it out electronically.

Completed applications can be emailed to:

Deb Delman at deb@worldoregon.org,

Or sent by mail to:

Deb Delman, WorldOregon, 1207 SW Broadway, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97205.

Please ensure all materials are submitted:

- Application Form
- Short Essays
- Participant Signature and Parent/Guardian Approval
- Teacher Recommendation (separate sheet--submitted by recommender through email or mail)

Selected candidates will receive follow-up group interviews. All applicants will be notified of their status no later than **Friday, September 25th**.

Application Form for 2020-2021

*Please write legibly

Name:		
Age:		
High School you'll attend in 2020-2021 school year:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Student phone number:		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Parent/Guardian Phone:		
Parent/Guardian Email:		

Short Essays

Please answer the following three questions. If necessary, you can use another sheet of paper.

- 1) We want to ensure the Young Leaders in Action reflects the diversity of local youth, and brings together participants with different ideas, cultures, experience and background. What unique perspective do you think you bring to the program?

- 2) What is one global issue that interests you?

- 3) How does this global issue connect to Oregon?

- 4) How do you think you demonstrate leadership in your family, school, or community? How would you like to develop your leadership skills in the future?

Participant Signature and Participant/Guardian Approval

I agree that all of the information in this application is true and I agree that if selected, the applicant will participate to the best of their abilities in Young Leaders in Action program activities and fulfill the requirements as outlined above.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Recommendation Form 2020-2021

Instructions for Teacher Recommendation:

Students, please print and bring the forms below to your teacher(s) along with a stamped envelope addressed to the WorldOregon, 1207 SW Broadway, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97205. Alternatively, teachers may email completed forms to Deb Delman at deb@worldoregon.org. Please contact your teachers well in advance of the deadline and find a time when you can talk with them about the Young Leaders in Action program and why you are applying.

For Teacher Reference:

Our program features a special kind of educational experience. This applicant will be involved in a program in which they will engage global and local issues, learn leadership skills, and work closely with young people from around Portland and around the world. Please be very honest in your assessment of the applicant to help us to determine whether the applicant is ready for this kind of program. **Your answers will remain confidential.**

Teacher Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

- Please indicate, by checking the appropriate spaces, your estimate of the applicant's characteristics.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Consideration for and interest in others and their views					
Common sense and good judgment					
Leadership potential					
Ability to take direction					
Initiative					
Sense of responsibility					
Ability to adjust to and cope with new situations					
Intellectual curiosity and imagination					
Ability to express himself or herself					
Participation in community and extracurricular activities					
Ability to follow through with projects and fulfill commitments					
Sense of humor					

(see reverse)

2. What unique strengths does this student have that make them well-suited for this particular program?

3. What do you know about this student's interest in global or international issues?

4. If the applicant is selected, would you be willing to serve as a sponsoring teacher and be a point of contact for WorldOregon staff as the participant implements an action project in their school or community?

Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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