



YOUTH DIPLOMATS PROGRAM

— Activating the Next Generation of Global Citizens —

In accordance with School Board Policy 9.40, distribution of these materials is in no way an endorsement of services, activities, and/or products by Santa Rosa County District Schools.

*Gulf Coast
Diplomacy
challenges you
to think about
a world
MUCH BIGGER
than your own.*

The **Gulf Coast Diplomacy Youth Diplomats** is a yearlong experiential learning program to equip & empower teens in Northwest Florida to become active **global citizens**.

We meet once a month online to explore topics in **global affairs & diplomacy**. You'll build your **leadership & cross-cultural communication** skills in the process.

You'll learn about the **people, culture & issues** of various countries through meetings with exchange students & professionals participating in U.S. Department of State & U.S. Congressional exchanges.

You'll also discover **scholarships, college & career options** & network with **global experts**.

APPLY TODAY & EXPLORE TOMORROW

The journey begins May 2022.

We are a local nonprofit promoting citizen diplomacy in Northwest Florida by hosting U.S. Department of State exchange programs for experts & youth from around the world.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

8th-11th graders who are:

- Graduating in 2023 or later
- Curious about the world & open to diverse perspectives



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You'll receive service hours when engaging with international visitors and participating in service activities with nonprofits.



MORE INFO

www.gulfcoastdiplomacy.org
APPLY BY Apr 22!

There is no fee to apply.

Questions?
Contact Jena Melancon:
jena@gulfcoastdiplomacy.org
850.377.3176

YOUTH DIPLOMATS PROGRAM

— *Activating the Next Generation of Global Citizens* —

Anticipated Schedule*

Topics for May—October will be determined by the Fifth Cohort of Youth Diplomats at the April 2022 planning session.

Topics for October—April will be determined by the Sixth Cohort of Youth Diplomats at the October 2022 planning session.

Orientation for new Youth Diplomats & Parents
Sat, May 14; 10—10:30 AM CDT

Regular Meeting
May 14; 10:30 AM—1:30 PM CDT

Online Meetings are held from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM CDT

Sat, June 25	Sat, Dec 3
Sat, July 16	Sat, Jan 21
Sat, Aug 20	Sat, Feb 4
Sat, Sept 17	Sat, Mar 4
Sat, Oct 15	Sat, Apr 16
Sat, Nov 5	

** dates & times subject to change*

Camp Global is in June & July.

So we can continue to interact with international students, we are currently scheduled to remain online through the end of July 2022.

Exceptions made be made should in-person exchange groups resume sooner than that.



@gulfcoastdiplomacy

Are you curious about global affairs? Do you like learning about different cultures? Apply to be a Gulf Coast Diplomacy Youth Diplomat!

What's the commitment?

- Attend 8 of 12 workshops one Saturday per month, May 2022-April 2023. Students may opt to attend Camp Global, our online summer camp in June & July;
- Produce one blog post or social media post; and
- Read the materials provided at the end of each session to be ready to engage at the next month's session.

What are the benefits?

Youth Diplomats:

- Develop 21st century skills including critical thinking, collaboration & media literacy;
- Strengthen their knowledge of global affairs;
- Earn digital credentials aligned with the Open Badges standard; and
- Have access to an array of scholarships promoting international exchange and language proficiency.

How much does it cost?

- Tuition for the year is \$120.
- Need-based tuition waivers are available.

What is the application process?

- Applications for Year Six Cohorts are due April 22, 2022.
- Up to 24 students will be selected.

Sample Activities

Last year, the Youth Diplomats:

- Explored the Peace Corps & the U.S. Foreign Service;
- Participated in diplomatic simulations;
- Explored intercultural communication, the situation in Ukraine, and gender equality in Sweden;
- Engaged in activities with students from Russia and Kosovo;
- Met with professionals from Armenia, Morocco, & Pakistan; and
- Built friendships across our region and the world.

INFORMATION & APPLICATION: WWW.GULFCOASTDIPLOMACY.ORG