



Pacific Century Institute



Project Bridge 2011-2012  
Application for Youth Ambassadors

**Project Bridge** is an initiative of The Korea Society's Intercultural Outreach Program (ICOP), which seeks to build relationships and promote mutual understanding among Americans of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The program was established in 1993 as a response to the April 29 Incident (Sa-I-Gu) in Los Angeles.

Project Bridge is an annual youth leadership program focused on a group study tour to Korea. In collaboration with The Pacific Century Institute in Los Angeles, Project Bridge works with high school juniors from New York and Los Angeles. The students attend a series of workshops and other activities throughout the school year. (2 meetings per month)

The overall objective of the program is to enhance the participant's potential to respond in creative ways to the challenges and opportunities afforded by the cultural and ethnic diversity of contemporary American society. By virtue of providing an "immersion experience" in a society that historically has been defined more by the affirmation of social and cultural homogeneity than diversity, the study tour to Korea instills in the participants their responsibilities as citizens of a society in which respect for cultural and ethnic diversity is the ideal norm.

Sixteen students are selected to participate in the program: 8 students from Los Angeles and 8 students from New York. Students from each city attend bi-monthly meetings to learn leadership skills to help them build cross-cultural understanding among diverse cultures. All students meet in Korea in April for a 10-day study tour.

**There is no tuition for this program; it is fully funded by The Korea Society, Pacific Century Institute and sponsors.**

### COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

**Pacific Century Institute** was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster education, policy dialogue and research concerning the whole Pacific Rim region.

**The Korea Society** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c) 3 organization with individual and corporate members that is dedicated solely to the promotion of greater awareness, understanding and cooperation between the people of the United States and Korea.

### REQUIREMENTS

**Students must meet the following criteria**

- OPEN AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE!!
- Good Academic Standing
- GPA no lower than 2.75
- High School Junior in 2011-2012
- Strong interest and desire to learn about different cultures
- Motivated to leave their comfort zones and build relationships with others
- Active participation in group discussions and projects
- Available to attend bi-monthly events and meetings
- Completed application by due date
- Two recommendations from adults (teacher, coach, supervisor, principal).  
Download form from website [www.pacificcenturyinst.org](http://www.pacificcenturyinst.org)  
Or make copies of the form attached to this application
- Recommendation form filled out and signed by the applicant's principal or assistant principal.

**DIRECTIONS:** Please type or clearly print all information. Complete the application in its entirety, as incomplete applications will **not** be considered. Please be sure to include all the required information, signatures and supplemental materials. Postmark this application by **October 24, 2011**. Please be sure to provide the best possible number to reach you below as interviewees will be contacted on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

### I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Full Name (First, MI, Last)

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number Email Address

Date of Birth Age Grade

Parent / Guardian (First, MI, Last) Relationship

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Do you have a U.S. Passport? Yes or No  
(Please circle response)

If yes, what is the expiration date on your passport

**DUE DATE: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 24, 2011.**

## II. ACADEMIC AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Telephone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Reference #1

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Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Reference #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

**\*Please attach your high school transcript and your report cards from the last two recently completed semesters.**

## III. COMMUNITY & SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

On a separate sheet of paper, list no more than five activities, organizations, clubs or teams to which you belong or have belonged. Prioritize list by writing responses in descending order. Please indicate any awards that you may have earned from these groups.

## IV. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

On a separate sheet of paper, respond to each of the following questions in 300 words or fewer per question. Your answers must be typed or printed legibly in double-spaced format.

1. Why do you want to be part of Project Bridge? What do you want to contribute? What do you think you will gain from the experience?
2. Have you visited any places outside the United States in the past five years? If so, which ones? And what did you learn from your trip(s)?
3. If you could be a Super Hero, what powers would you have and why? Which problems would you use your powers to tackle and solve? Explain.
4. If you had the opportunity to invent anything that would change the world in some way, what would it be and why?
5. What are some issues you see in your community right now that you believe need improvement? What do you think is the root of these issues and what possible solutions can you give to improve these conditions? Explain.

## V. SIGNATURES (Please read and sign)

If I am accepted into this program as a 2011-2012 Project Bridge Youth Ambassador, I agree to be an **active participant** in all Project Bridge activities and a positive leader in my community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the 2011-2012 Project Bridge program.

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Print Parent or Guardian's Full Name (First, MI, Last)

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Student

**We strongly encourage early submission**

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Answered all questions
- Applicant and Parent/Guardian Signatures
- Official High school transcript
- Report cards from the last two semesters
- 2 recommendations from anyone
- Recommendation from principal or assistant principal
- Checked availability for trip. Travel dates not yet confirmed, but will include one (1) week in April 2012.
- A copy of Social Security Card / Green Card
- A copy of Passport (Students without a passport must attach a copy of a completed passport application form, available at the post office)
- Must be postmarked by **OCTOBER 24, 2011.**

Los Angeles Students, please submit your applications to:

Pacific Century Institute  
Project Bridge  
8944 Mason Ave.  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

***If you have any questions regarding this program or form, please contact:  
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