



Career Pathways To International Relations

STUDENT RESOURCES

Discover opportunities for
youth to be involved in the
global sphere.

Internal Opportunities



2023 WORLD CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST (MARCH 19, 2023)

Students from 3-12th grade are invited to craft a 1000 word essay on crafting a solution to a major global issue.



GLOBAL COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE (ANYTIME)

Students from 9-12th are invited to develop, reflect, and demonstrate their global competency. Upon successful completion of a website portfolio and presentation, eligible students will receive a Global Competence Certificate, issued by the World Affairs Council of Seattle.



External Opportunities





WORLD AFFAIRS CHALLENGE - **WORLDDENVER (JAN - MAY 2023)**

The World Affairs Challenge (WAC) is an international program and competition for middle and high school students to develop and implement their own S.M.A.R.T. solutions for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD: STATE DEPARTMENT

Opportunities to study abroad for high school students in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia etc. during the academic year or summer.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM - WORLD LEARNING

A Youth Ambassadors Travel Program is a traditional international exchange to the United States. Ten to Twenty-day, single, and multi-country exchanges take place at various times of the year; exact dates will vary by exchange country. Through a travel program, Youth Ambassadors will engage in experiential learning activities, leadership trainings, civic participation at the community level, and mentoring by community, business, and NGO leaders. Inbound Youth Ambassadors will also learn about United States culture through host community site visits and programming. There are also hybrid and virtual opportunities.



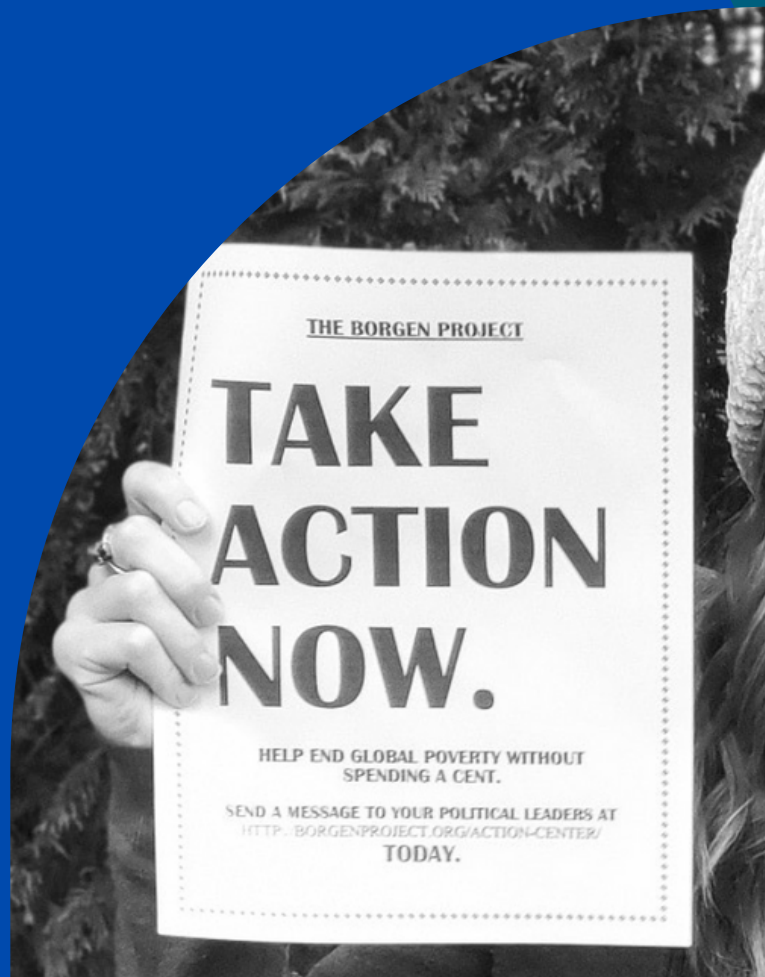
World Learning

EDUCATION | DEVELOPMENT | EXCHANGE

TACOMA INTERNSHIPS - THE BORGEN PROJECT

Virtual and in-person internships available at The Borgen Project, a credible non-profit focused on addressing poverty and hunger.

THE BORGEN PROJECT



WASHINGTON STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY | OSPI



The Washington State Seal of Biliteracy was established in 2014 with the intent to recognize public high school graduates who have attained an intermediate–mid proficiency in English and one or more world languages, including American Sign Language and Tribal languages. Students in all Graduation Pathways are eligible to earn the Seal. Participating school districts with students eligible to receive the Seal shall place a notation on a student's high school diploma and high school transcript indicating that the student has earned the Seal.



Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS

Addresses educational, environmental, equity, and workforce development needs through young ambassadors, volunteers and interns. Recruit from every school in King County from middle school to high. Each district can have 2–10 representatives of the total annual cohort of 50 ambassadors.



SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS



AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS

AFS is a leading study abroad program for secondary school students, supported and facilitated by trained staff and volunteers. Since 1947, AFS has prepared young people to gain the practical skills and knowledge valued by universities and employers—and needed to succeed in a global world. These exchange programs are available during the academic year.





**NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY
CONTEST - AMERICAN FOREIGN
SERVICE ASSOCIATION (APRIL
3, 2023)**

As AFSA looks back on their century-long history, we invite you to do the same. This year students are asked to explore a topic that touches upon this important history and sheds light on how vital it is for America to have a robust professional corps focused on diplomacy, development, and peace in the national interest.

In your essay, you will select a country or region in which the United States Foreign Service has been involved at any point since 1924 and describe, in 1,500 words or less, how the Foreign Service was successful or unsuccessful in advancing American foreign policy goals – including promoting peace – in this country/region and propose ways in which it might continue to improve those goals in the coming years.

INTERNSHIPS - GLOBAL TIES U.S.

Global Ties U.S. empowers individuals, communities, and nations to build trust and to advance peace and prosperity through international exchange. A nonprofit partner of the U.S. Department of State, we support a Network of 120+ nonprofit organizations representing all 50 U.S. states and more than 20 countries.

Members of the Global Ties Network provide the domestic infrastructure for U.S. public diplomacy efforts, and implement a wide variety of educational, cultural, and professional exchange programs.



GLOBALTIES > U.S.
DIPLOMACY BEGINS HERE



MEET THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD | PLAN INTERNATIONAL USA

We are a group of young people passionate about international development, youth empowerment and cross-cultural engagement; our ages range from 16-22 and we come from all corners of the U.S.

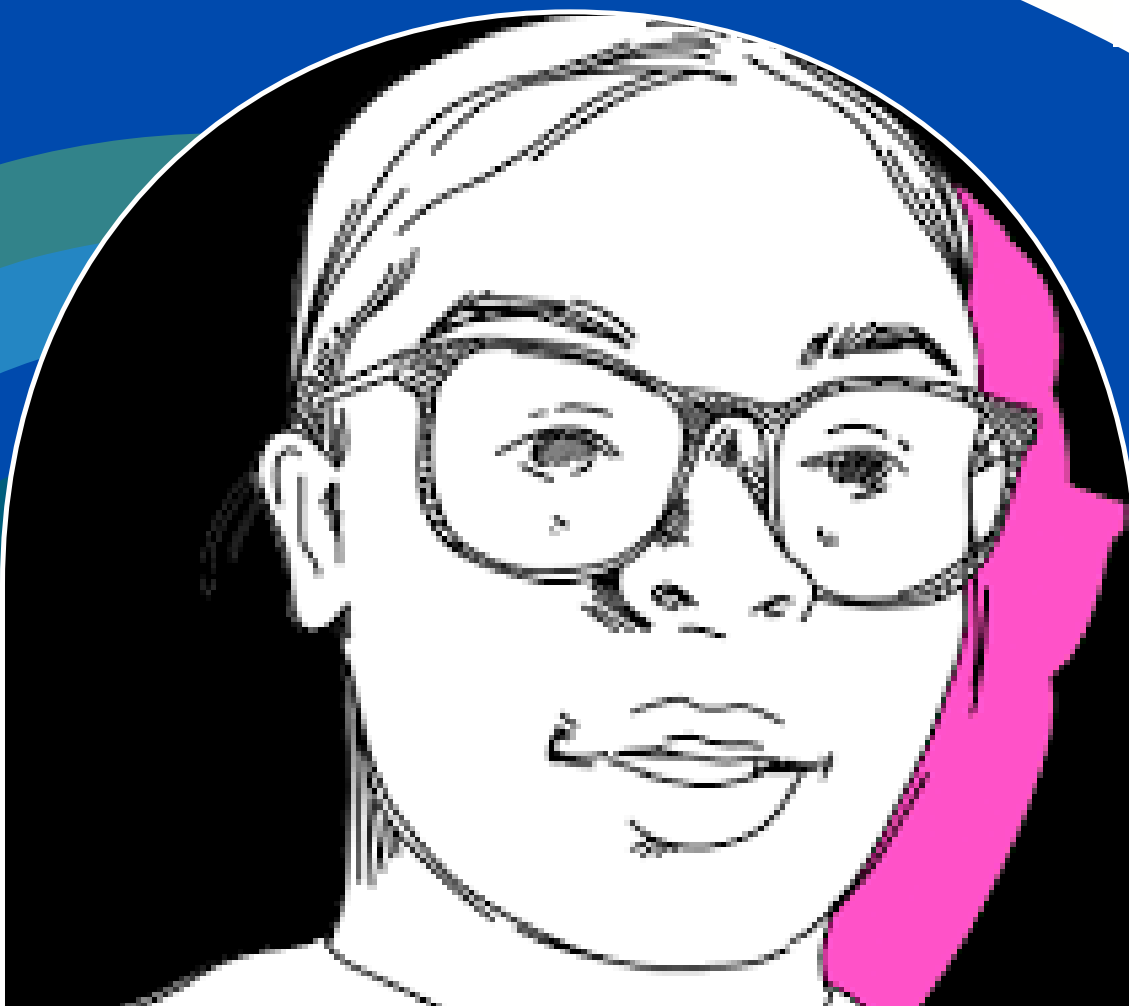


GET INVOLVED | GIRL SECURITY

Opportunities for gender-minority youth to gain mentorship in national security related spaces and apply for an annual fellowship.



girlsecurity.





HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS - CIEE

Travel in the summer, rediscover high school abroad, build a pre-college experience. Countries include France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Japan, or Morocco.

 | GLOBAL NAVIGATOR
High School Study Abroad



WASHINGTON LYAC

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is the only nonpartisan youth-led committee empowered by state law to represent the official voice of Washington youth to the Legislature. It is entirely student-led, and co-administered by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Washington State Leadership Board.



Legislative Youth Advisory Council

GENZER PROGRAM – WCAPS

WCAPS is establishing a GenZer Program ("GenZep") to welcome young girls of color from junior high through college into the WCAPS membership. WCAPS is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2017 by Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins to advance her vision to increase the voices and the advancement of women of color in international foreign policy, peace, security, and conflict transformation.

WCAPS works to ensure that women of color have a seat at the table on issues of peace and security. This means also working to empower girls from a young age and strengthen the pipeline of these girls and women as they mature.





HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The High School Foreign Service Association is a non-partisan organization of high school clubs.

Backed by the American Foreign Service Association, it was created to connect students passionate about international affairs and become full citizens of our rapidly globalizing world. It aspires to provide students with an opportunity to find like-minded individuals and to share ideas and knowledge.



High School Foreign
Service Association



PATHWAYS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Internship Program is for current students. If you're a current student in high school, college, trade school or other qualifying educational institution, you may be eligible. This program offers paid opportunities to work in federal agencies and explore federal careers while completing your education.



WASHINGTON STATE SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

Pages are sponsored by legislators and serve for one week during the legislative session, which runs January–April in odd numbered years and January–March in even numbered years. Pages spend their week learning about the legislative process while distributing materials throughout the Capitol Campus, assisting offices, delivering messages, working on the Senate Floor, and presenting the colors at the opening of the day's legislative session. Pages also spend time each day in Page School learning about all aspects of state government.

