



# YWIB AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FAQS



## **What is the time frame for the Young Women In Bio (YWIB) Ambassador program?**

The YWIB Ambassador program was launched in 2020. Applications for the 2021-2022 school year will be open from April 1, 2021, to June 1, 2021. Our YWIB Chapters will review their local applications, and selected YWIB Ambassadors will be announced by August 1, 2021. YWIB Ambassadors will begin engaging in local activities by early September 2021 and continue their ambassadorship through the end of their school year.

## **What activities will YWIB Ambassadors support?**

This is really up to you! As part of our second class of YWIB Ambassadors, you will attend virtual or in-person\* events and programs hosted by your local YWIB chapter. You will have the opportunity to be actively engaged with YWIB, both locally and nationally, to develop educational content and events to fuel the passion for pursuing careers in STEM among young women across the United States and in Canada. You will also have the opportunity to participate in other activities with your local YWIB chapter and on a national level. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot guarantee when in-person events will resume.

In addition, each YWIB Ambassadors will help promote STEM activities in their community and on a national level. They will work with local YWIB Chapter leaders to support local and virtual YWIB Chapter activities, developing, promoting, and attending events.

## **What is the estimated time commitment on a weekly/monthly basis for YWIB Ambassadors?**

While there is no set time commitment, we estimate that this program's monthly involvement may be between three to 10 hours per month during their term, which could include activities at the YWIB chapter level and/or National level.

At the YWIB chapter level, YWIB Chapter leaders plan for and execute a minimum of four events in their region each school year. These events may be virtual or, when safe to do so, in-person. Typically, YWIB will coordinate a wide variety of activities, such as company visits, hands-on activities, panel discussions, and participation in larger, regional STEM events. The YWIB Ambassador may also participate in internal YWIB Chapter meetings (to be determined by each chapter) and/or help in other ways as determined by the applicable YWIB Chapter and YWIB Ambassador.

## **Can YWIB Ambassador involvement be weekend work or around school/extracurricular activities?**

YWIB National and each YWIB Chapter leadership committee will work with the selected YWIB Ambassador to figure out a time to meet regularly, either monthly or bi-monthly. Most YWIB in-person events are held during the week and the school day, but some may occur on the weekend. YWIB Ambassadors can support these activities through social media promotion and other creative ways. We will work with each YWIB Ambassador to develop a schedule that works around her other school/extracurricular activities

## **What is expected of YWIB Ambassadors?**

Participation in the YWIB Ambassador program is what you make of it! YWIB Ambassadors will exemplify YWIB's mission to empower today's girls to become tomorrow's leaders, helping them affect positive change in the worlds of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). YWIB Ambassadors champion STEM and engage in STEM-related activities both locally and nationally.

YWIB Ambassador engagement may vary from region to region. YWIB Ambassadors will help us carry out our mission by:

- Demonstrating a passion for STEM by actively participating in STEM activities in their school or community or taking related classes to pursue a STEM-related career
- Regularly enhancing her own education in STEM by potentially launching creative projects in their home or school, joining the local organization to learn more about a particular topic, or regularly visiting STEM-related sites to participate in local and national events
- Educating others about STEM opportunities, including local YWIB Chapter events
- Interest in working with YWIB to develop content and promote STEM outreach initiatives, including via our YWIB Online and YWIB Teachers platforms, other online efforts, and social media channels
- Networks with STEM leaders in her community by connecting with local STEM leaders or has created opportunities for others to meet leaders and learn more

We would love for our YWIB Ambassadors to continue to support and be a resource to YWIB, even after their respective terms. We will have a YWIB Ambassador Alumni Club to keep all YWIB Ambassadors classes connected and aware of our content throughout the years.

## **How will announcements about the selection of YWIB Ambassadors be made?**

YWIB Ambassadors will be evaluated and selected internally. Each local YWIB Chapter will reach out via email or phone to the selected applicant in August 2021. YWIB National will publicly announce the YWIB Ambassadors selected for the 2021-2022 school year once the local YWIB Chapters have informed all such YWIB Ambassadors.

## **Due to COVID-19, teachers may not be able to help with applications, and recommendation letters might be hard to obtain. Can students complete the application alone?**

Applicants should do their best to complete YWIB Ambassador application in full. Ambassadors can fill out and submit the application independently or with another person (parent, mentor, teachers, etc.). We will certainly take into account any hardships, but YWIB will require approval to participate by a parent or legal guardian.

## How many recommendation letters do the students need? Suggestions on whom they should contact to receive these recommendations?

Only one recommendation is needed per application. This reference should be someone who can attest to your passion and drive and your ongoing involvement in STEM activities.

### **ABOUT YOUNG WOMEN IN BIO (YWIB)**

Young Women In Bio (YWIB) gives girls today the inspiration and support they need to become tomorrow's leaders in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We strive to provide education and hands-on experience in STEM and share our passion for all scientific fields. Through 14 chapters across the United States and Canada, YWIB partners with leading companies, universities, hospitals, and other organizations to host highly engaging, educational, and motivational programs for young girls interested in STEM. To learn more, visit: [www.womeninbio.org/ywib](http://www.womeninbio.org/ywib)

YWIB is part of Women In Bio (WIB), with chapters nationwide and in Canada. WIB is a nonprofit volunteer organization that promotes diversity and inclusion for all women in the life sciences and beyond. To learn more, visit: [www.womeninbio.org](http://www.womeninbio.org)



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