

## The Smithsonian Latino Center's 2010 Young Ambassadors Program – Summer Leadership Development Program

The Smithsonian Latino Center is pleased to announce the open application season for the 2010 Young Ambassadors Program. The Young Ambassadors Program is a national, interdisciplinary leadership development program for high school seniors. The mission of the program is to foster the next generation of Latino leaders in the arts, sciences, and humanities via the Smithsonian Institution and its resources. This program is made possible through the generous support of Ford Motor Company Fund.

Students with an interest in and commitment to the arts, sciences, and humanities as it pertains to Latino communities and cultures are selected to travel to Washington, D.C. for a week-long, leadership development seminar at the Smithsonian Institution. The seminar encourages youth to explore and understand Latino identity and embrace their own cultural heritage through visits to the Smithsonian's Latino collections and one-on-one interaction with anthropologists, artists, curators, historians, scientists and other museum professionals. Following the training seminar, students participate in a four-week interdisciplinary education internship in museums and other cultural institutions in their local communities, including Smithsonian-affiliated organizations.

Participation in the Young Ambassadors Program is underwritten by Ford Motor Company Fund and includes meals and accommodations for the duration of the one-week training seminar, round-trip travel costs to Washington, D.C., and a program stipend. Students selected are responsible for all expenses during the four-week internship, including transportation, accommodations, and meals.

Upon completion of the 5-week program, participants will receive a \$2,000 program stipend towards their higher education. Students that do not complete the seminar and four-week internship will not receive the program stipend.

The deadline to apply is April 7, 2010. For further information and application guidelines and to apply, please visit <http://www.latino.si.edu/programs/youngambassadors.htm> or contact Emily Key, Education Programs Manager, at 202.633.1268 or by email at [slceducation@si.edu](mailto:slceducation@si.edu).