

# Youth for the SDGs Scholarship



**Young people working to advance the SDGs are invited to join Peace Boat in Latin America for a unique experiential learning program focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Program dates: June 20-July 3, 2017 (application deadline April 25)**

In 2015, 193 UN member states came together to define 17 Sustainable Development Goals to shape the global agenda for sustainable development in the next fifteen years and beyond. Achieving these goals will require an unprecedented mobilization of the energy and skills of young people, who play a key role in promoting and advancing the SDGs through entrepreneurship, volunteering, research, education and other endeavors.

Towards this aim, Peace Boat US is offering two full scholarships for the program “Peace Education and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Latin America”, taking place from June 20 – July 3, 2017 onboard Peace Boat, visiting Panama, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.

For more information about the program, visit: [peaceboat-us.org/programs/latin-america-summer-2017/](http://peaceboat-us.org/programs/latin-america-summer-2017/)

Applicants are encouraged to review the Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals website: (<http://sdgyoungleaders.org/>).

Applicants are also highly encouraged to participate in the UN Ocean Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal #14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development, taking place at the UN Headquarters in New York City from June 5-9, 2017. Online participation is possible.

## The scholarship will cover the following:

- Airfare: NYC-Panama, and El Salvador-NYC (or equivalent price)
- Accommodation, meals, and travel onboard Peace Boat and in ports of call for the duration of the program
- Travel insurance from June 20 – July 3, 2017

## Costs to be covered by participants:

- Personal expenses including gifts, souvenirs, toiletries, additional food, etc
- Travel expenses not directly related to the program
- Costs related to extending your time in Latin America either before or after the program dates

## Eligibility:

- Ages 18-30 years old
- Youth who are currently involved in SDG-related initiatives
- Ability to obtain visas for relevant countries
- Possess a passport valid through December 31, 2017

## Qualities we are looking for:

- Leadership skills
- Strong speaking and presentation ability ( in English )
- Experience volunteering or working on SDG-related initiatives
- Commitment and plans for continuing SDG-related work in the future

## Application process:

- In 500 words or less, please explain:
  - 1) Brief background of your experience with SDG related initiatives
  - 2) Why you want to join this program
  - 3) How you can use the experience to further your SDG-related work
- Statements can be submitted via email to [info@peaceboat-us.org](mailto:info@peaceboat-us.org)
- Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm / 17:00 (Eastern Standard Time) on April 25, 2017
- Selected applicants will be contacted by April 30 to conduct an interview via Skype. Interviews will be scheduled no later than May 5
- Scholarship recipients must submit a copy of their passport, one photo, and program application form within one week of receiving notification from Peace Boat US.