

Young Leaders in Civic Engagement

An AfSV Initiative



About AfSV

AfSV is non-profit organization serving as a centralized platform for collaboration and a unifying voice for cultural, civic, and service organizations associated with the Hizmet social movement in the United States.

Our Mission

Build reliable relationships in order to collaborate on substantial service projects that contribute to the benefit of society, and help promote universal principles to contribute to greater understanding and peace.

AfSV Partners



Peace Islands Institute

New Jersey



Atlantic Institute

Atlanta, GA



Rumi Forum

Washington, DC



Pacifica Institute

Los Angeles, CA



Dialogue Institute Southwest

Houston, TX



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What is Civic Engagement?

Civic engagement is the process of connecting individuals of diverse backgrounds in society to share common interests and work for the common good by addressing issues of public concern





- Our communities and our democracy become more just and equitable when all people—individually and collectively—get involved and take action
- Nearly all issues affect youth, and many affect youth differently or uniquely. Young people can bring valuable perspectives to these issues and play an active role in shaping their future
- Youth engagement can lead to increased academic performance and improved social-emotional well-being. It helps young people build skills and networks.





Recognition of Young Leaders

With this initiative, we hope to recognize young social innovators who are contributing meaningfully to society through civic engagement.

Supporting Young Leaders

As an umbrella organization for several institutions to form a nationwide network, AfSV has been working toward promoting community service, education and interfaith dialogue. With this initiative, we want to support young individuals who are working toward this goal.

Requirements

Participants must:

- Be high school or college students
- Live in the United States or Canada
- Have a mentor when submitting their proposal
- Apply as a group of at least 3 members



Mentorship

A mentor must be an adult professional with scholarly or practical experience in social responsibility and/or civic engagement projects.



Awards



Examples of Projects











AFSV Youth Ambassadors

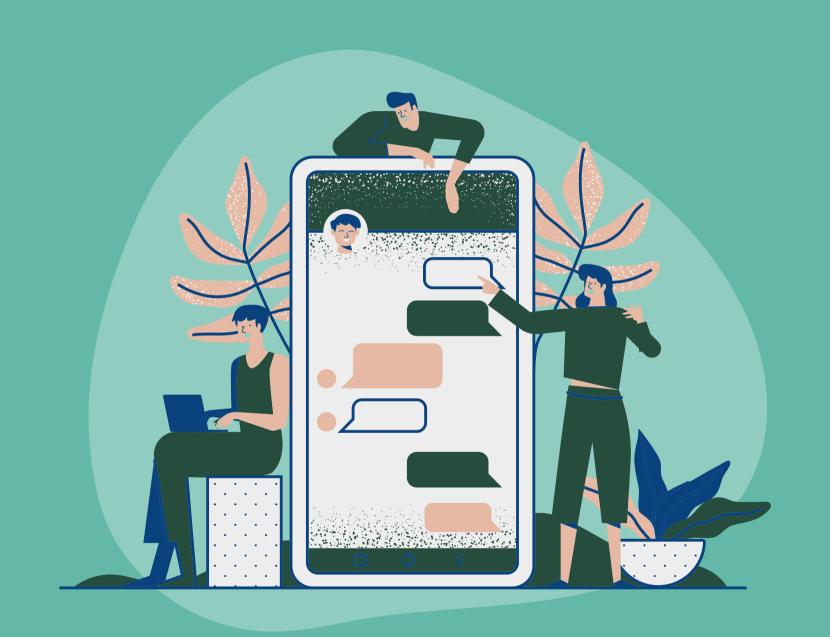
Receive consulting on prospective projects

Receive consulting on participating in local, national or international conferences and events

Participate in training and professional development programs

Benefit from the professional and social networks of AFSV and its partners

Receive assistance in grant applications



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