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# THE STUDENT AMBASSADOR EXPERIENCE



Save the Children



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Action Network™

## WELCOME TO SAVE THE CHILDREN

We believe every child deserves a future. We organize to make that future a reality.



## About Save the Children


Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the United States and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share. Since our founding over 100 years ago, we’ve changed the lives of over 1 billion children.

## About SCAN

Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is the political voice for kids. As the political advocacy arm of Save the Children, we work to ensure that the issues critical to children’s lives and futures are given top priority by our elected leaders, building bipartisan support to ensure every child has a strong start in life.

Across the United States, **one in five children grows up in poverty**. Together, with students across the country, we are steadily working to defy that statistic and so many other factors that continue threatening children's futures.

In Save the Children (STC) and Save the Children Action Network (SCAN)'s Student Program, we organize to:

-  Expand access to high quality, early childhood education
-  Ensure every child is well nourished and food secure
-  Protect Children's Rights and dignity at the US/Mexico border
-  Ensure children around the world can grow up healthy, learning and safe
-  Build communities of changemakers and child rights champions

## Will you join us?





# OUR VISION

We envision that **young people will lead the way** to creating a world where children always have their rights respected and fair access to equality.

## About Our Student Engagement Program

In support of STC & SCAN's Missions, our **Student Engagement Program** strives to **equip and organize youth leaders to exercise their collective power**. With outstanding professional development training and individualized mentorship, students in our program have boundless opportunities to make meaningful change.

By joining our program, students **gain hands-on experience in the areas of leadership, advocacy, fundraising, and grassroots organizing**. Students use these skills and mobilize their communities for civic action and learn how to build public spaces for others by leading workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, fundraising initiatives, service projects, and more.

## How Save the Children & SCAN Clubs Take Action

With our flexible program and multi-faceted approach to student organizing, you and your club are invited to let your creativity flow and organize activities that excite you. We'll share goals, ideas, and resources with you. You decide how to put it all into action.

- **Advocacy**  
Influence your lawmakers to pass legislation that will improve kids' lives! Educate your community, organize petition drives and letter writing events, meet with your members of Congress, build grassroots power and use your collective voice.
- **Fundraising**  
Plan fun and creative activities to raise money for Save the Children's lifesaving programs and emergency response. [Check out our list of 50 fun fundraising ideas!](#)
- **Community Engagement**  
Partner with local organizations and support the needs of your community. Organize food drives, read to young kids, support refugee families, build community climate resilience, or support student mental health.

# STUDENT AMBASSADORS: LEADING THE WAY

## Who are our Student Ambassadors?

Our Student Ambassadors are the core of our student engagement program.

First and foremost, Student Ambassadors are leaders. They lead school clubs, lead teams, and lead the way to a future where every child is guaranteed a strong start in life.

Whether you start a club from scratch or take charge of an existing club, as a Student Ambassador you will build, train, and steer an effective club leadership team and organize impactful activities in your community—advocating, fundraising, and taking action to improve kids' lives.



**Ready to take your leadership and social impact to the next level?**

 **Apply to become a Student Ambassador!**

## Why become a Student Ambassador?

When you join this group of passionate and talented young leaders, you will practice valuable skills and gain experiences that will prepare you for future careers and academic programs. You'll access a comprehensive training curriculum and individualized mentorship from a dedicated team of student engagement staff and other peer leaders. As you grow in your role, you'll have opportunities to engage with us in new and exciting ways.

You will join a national community of like-minded students passionate about building a better future for children. This peer network will collaborate, share ideas, and support your success.

Together, we'll create lasting, positive change for kids everywhere.

[Click here to learn more about the Student Ambassador position and to apply.](#)

# THE STUDENT AMBASSADOR JOURNEY

Student Ambassadors make a 1+ year commitment to lead a Save the Children Club at your school (most stick with us until graduation!). In that time, you will:

- Be a leader for children's rights and equality
- Acquire and utilize elite organizing skills
- Build, strengthen, and mobilize impactful student groups
- Grow the child rights movement and your personal network

## STEPS TO APPLY

- 1 **Submit** your application
- 2 **Meet** with our Student Engagement Staff
- 3 **Complete** the self-paced, virtual Student Ambassador Onboarding Training.
- 4 **Sign** your Acceptance Letter, (And if under 18, a parent or guardian must read and sign the Parent Consent Agreement)
- 5 **Begin** organizing your first club activity!

## Resources and Support

Once officially accepted into your Student Ambassador role, you'll get access to:

- Private Slack channel for all our student leaders
- Google Classroom – an online resource hub and activity center
- Funding for community projects and school events
- National webinars and virtual round-tables with other student leaders
- Campaign Toolkits with everything you need to begin making an impact on our priority issues.
- Invitations to in-person workshops and training opportunities
- STC/SCAN T-shirts and promotional items
- Challenges and friendly competitions for fun prizes

**Our Student Engagement Staff will work with you** through your entire journey, beginning with regular check-in calls for individualized guidance and support.

Once you officially become a **Student Ambassador**, you'll take this journey to the next level by building and leading your own club!

## READY TO GET STARTED?

To start your school's own Save the Children Club:

### 1. Build a team

Find other members – friends and fellow students like you who are passionate about changing lives. Recruit a small, dedicated group of students (at least 2-4 that are ready to take on leadership roles and work with you to found and launch the club.

### 2. Get sponsored

Who's your favorite teacher, professor or coach? Get approval from your school, if necessary, and find a faculty advisor. Be sure you understand your school's requirements for starting a club. If you're not sure, reach out to your campus Student Center or your school administrator to learn more. Or ask the leaders of another club at your school how they got started!

Every school has a different process to officially register a club. Some have minimum membership requirements, some require you to submit a Club Constitution, and some may require you to elect certain officer positions like President, VP, Secretary, and/or Treasurer. Don't forget to look at our resources at the end for more useful information.

### 3. Sign-up and go!

Register your club with Save the Children. Simply fill out our **club agreement form**. Our student engagement staff will be in touch to help you plan your first club activities! After you register, you'll get access to a comprehensive training curriculum and supporting resources to set you up for success

**We can't wait to meet you and help you get started  
on an experience of a lifetime!**

For any questions or more information, you can always reach us at:  
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