



High School Digital Pen Pal Program Application 2024-25

Our Goal and Mission

In today's globalized world, staying connected and building meaningful relationships is more important than ever. That's why the Long Beach Digital Pen Pal Program is excited to continue its mission of fostering international friendships. We are thrilled to announce our 5th annual Digital Pen Pal Program, which, for the first time, will include high school students. This year, students from the greater Long Beach area will be paired with peers from our sister cities around the world. This all-digital cultural exchange program offers a unique opportunity for high school students to engage in cross-cultural communication and compete for scholarships!

When

The program will run from October 2024 to May 2025. While it is a pen pal program, communication will primarily take place through email. However, it's not limited to just writing; if you're an artist, we'll match you with other artists! If you enjoy taking photos, making videos, or expressing yourself through other creative mediums, we will try to pair you with participants who share similar interests. The beauty of this program is that we encourage you to incorporate your preferred creative medium into your project!

To Qualify

Participants must be current high school students and have access to an email account, as email will be the primary contact method for the program. Additionally, occasional Zoom meetings will be held.

Apply Now! please submit this completed application to the Program Manager: Salma Elhabashy s.elhabashy.96@outlook.com

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Country and City:

School Name:

Age:

Grade Level:

Tell us about yourself! Hobbies, interests, passions:

What do you hope to get out of this program?

Guidelines

1. The purpose of the program is for cultural exchange of information in order to build relationships and friendships.
2. There must be no inappropriate communication and behavior in all correspondence, including but not limited to: swearing; politics; insulting behavior; overly-excessive personal behavior; sexual content; racial behavior; hostility.
3. Mandatory consistent communication between students throughout the entire length of the program. Should a participant not fulfill this requirement they will be disqualified from receiving a scholarship.