



*Creating global leaders who transform themselves and the world through their exploration of international cultures.*

## 2016 PROGRAM

### Youth Participant Application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**March 31, 2016**

*Participants who are selected will be notified by April 10, 2016*

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Thank you for your interest in the 2016 CALE Now! Program!

“For more than half a century, the people of the United States have supported international educational and cultural exchange programs as an investment in global understanding and peace. These programs also give Americans invaluable experiences and insights from abroad.” ~ YLPCE

### ***What to Expect as a Participant***

The CALE Now! program is designed to give you hands-on experience of a world culture. Why NOW? Now is the time to shape who you are – to make you a conscious leader who will travel internationally and make a positive impact on a global scale.

Each CALE Kid™ actively participates in a summer program, attending weekly meetings and outings to develop skills in leadership and volunteerism, and to expand their experience of the world. By the end of the program, you will have a deeper understanding of the country of study, experience personal growth, and impact the world through volunteer work. At each meeting, you will explore 3 major areas:

- 1. Cultural Exchange**
- 2. Personal and Leadership Development**
- 3. Social Responsibility/Volunteerism**

#### **Participants of the program should:**

- Be open to experiencing new cultures and ways of thinking
- Have a strong desire to learn from others
- Have a desire to share their own culture and values with youth and adults from different cultures, religions and varied backgrounds without prejudice
- Show the ability and willingness to share lessons learned from their own experiences
- Work with diverse groups throughout all aspects of the program
- Be flexible in working with other participants and coordinators during scheduling, travel, etc.
- Be committed to participating in a community initiative

#### **What to expect during the program:**

- Attending weekly Saturday daylong meetings and outings to visit government organizations, restaurants, community organizations, museums, local attractions, and others, to learn about the country of study.
- Completing volunteer projects, including opportunities to discuss how you are, or want to be, involved in your community and the issues that you wish to address.
- Eating food outside of your comfort zone. Be ready to try new things!

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***Who is eligible to apply?***

Student applicants must:

- Be at least 11 years old, and not more than 14 years old, at the start of the program
- Have permission from either a parent or legal guardian to participate in the program (8 weeks in the US and approximately 1 week in Ireland), to begin May 30, 2015
- Have citizenship and current residency in the United States
- Submit a completed application, including application fee and letters of recommendation
- Be able to attend all program sessions (held on Saturdays) and the trip to Ireland

***What are the criteria for selection?***

Students will be evaluated on the following characteristics:

- An interest in international exposure and community service
- Desire to relate to people of other cultures and backgrounds
- Good social and communication skills
- Leadership potential
- A positive attitude

***What is covered?***

CALE Now!, in conjunction with its private partners, will pay for international transportation to and from the United States to Ireland, orientations, program and visa fees and administration, site visits and seminars, ground transportation, lodging and meals, some cultural activities, educational materials, and accident and sickness insurance.

Participants are responsible for expenses related to the application process (copying, mailing, photographs, etc.), passport fees (approximately \$105), and spending money for souvenirs and other items in Ireland.

***Is there any cost to me?***

CALE Now! requires a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee. The funds collected will cover the application for admission to the program, and additional expenses that will go towards the CALE Now! curriculum. If your child is not accepted into the program, this fee will be considered a tax-deductible donation.

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## **APPLICATION FORM CALE NOW! YOUTH APPLICATION**

Applications should be submitted online at [calenow.org](http://calenow.org).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The final deadline is March 31, 2016.

To complete your application please submit the following information:

- I. Student Background Information
- II. Essays
- III. Parent/Guardian Information and Permission
- IV. 2 letters of recommendation
- V. First two pages of your passport (if available)
- VI. General Release

*Please answer all questions in English.*

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**PARENTAL CONSENT**  
**CALE Now! requires this Parental Consent Form**  
**to be completed in order to continue with the application.**

CALE Now! provides youth with guidance and tools that will broaden their global perspective through international cultural experiences, and create global visionaries and leaders who will have a positive impact on the world economy, and who respect and comfortably operate within global constructs.

The primary purpose of this organization is to provide meaningful growth experiences and personal development to young people who have limited access to international travel opportunities and cultural experiences, and facilitate lasting global connections that have a positive impact on future generations. This organization will provide guidance and tools to broaden their global perspective through international cultural, arts, and leadership experiences.

The CALE Now! program is designed to give participants hands-on experience of a world culture, and to build conscious leaders who travel internationally and make a positive impact on a global scale.

Each CALE Kid™ actively participates in a summer program, attending weekly meetings and outings to develop skills in leadership and volunteerism, and to expand their experience of the world. By the end of the program, each participant will have a deeper understanding of the country of study (including a trip to that country), experience personal growth, and impact the world through volunteer work. And it does not stop there. CALE Kids™ commit to a lifetime of continued exploration and a quest to change the world.

Your signature below indicates that you have read the information provided above and have decided to allow your child to complete the application. You are free to withdraw consent for your child to participate in this program at any time by contacting us at [admin@calenow.org](mailto:admin@calenow.org). Withdrawal of your consent must be in writing. Please print this consent form for your records.

Thank you for your cooperation in supporting our commitment to provide Culture, Arts, Leadership and global Exchange opportunities to our future leaders.

By signing and submitting this Parental Consent form to CALE Now!, I am giving my child consent to apply to be a CALE Kid™. I certify that I am not a minor under the laws of my country and am the parent or legal guardian of the child/minor who is applying to the CALE Now! program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**PART I: STUDENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(as it appears/will  
appear on your passport)

last

first

middle

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_  
month/day/year

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ City and country \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived, traveled, or studied outside of the United States? Yes / No

If yes, please provide a brief description, including dates and locations.

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**LANGUAGES**

Are you a native English speaker? Yes / No

If not, what is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If English is your second language\*\***

How would you describe your English skills? (1=poor; 5=excellent)

Speaking: 1 2 3 4 5

Reading: 1 2 3 4 5

Writing: 1 2 3 4 5

How many years of English study have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL APPLICANTS: List other languages you have studied. (1=poor; 5=excellent)

Language	# Years studied	Speaking (1-5)	Reading (1-5)	Writing (1-5)

**ACTIVITIES**

Please list all extracurricular activities you currently take part in (school clubs, sports teams, youth organizations, community service activities, leisure time activities, etc.).

Activity	Number of years participated in	Number of hours per week

Where did you first hear about the CALE Now! program? (Please be as specific as possible.)

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### Medical Disclaimer

*It is important that we are aware of any medical condition that may adversely affect a participant in our care. Please check any medical concerns that we should be made aware of, including mental health, physical health, dietary restrictions, developmental variances, etc.*

Name of Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Visit \_\_\_\_\_

1. During the summer program students do a considerable amount of walking. Would this be a problem for you?  Yes  No

Describe any other considerations that would limit your ability to participate in all activities.

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2. Have you traveled outside of the United States in the last 2 years?  Yes  No

If YES, when, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please estimate the overall condition of your health:

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

4. Do you exercise regularly?  Yes  No

What form of exercise do you do?

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5. Have you been hospitalized within the last five years?  Yes  No

If YES, when and why?

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6. Have you ever had surgery?  Yes  No

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If YES, when and why?

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7. Do you maintain any dietary restrictions?  Yes  No

If YES, please describe:

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8. Are you presently taking any prescription medications?  Yes  No

If YES, please describe

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9. Which of the following apply to you?

(Check all that apply)

Optimistic

Irritable

Impulsive

Secure

Practical

Aggressive

Reticent

Impatient

Compulsive

Sensitive

Timid

A Fighter

Have you ever had one of the following?

(Check all that apply)

Marked depression  Protracted Diarrhea

Insomnia

Recurrent Headache

Emotional Disability

Fainting

Asthma

Chest Pain

Heat Intolerance

Colitis

When was the last time you visited a mental health worker?

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10. Have you ever been treated for any of the following? (Check all that apply)

Diabetes

Heart Trouble

Kidney Trouble

Broken Bones

Skull Fracture

Serious Burn

Sickle Cell

Hepatitis

Seizures

Tonsillitis

Thyroid Trouble

Anemia

Scarlet Fever

Tuberculosis

Rheumatic Fever

Pneumonia

Allergies to medicine

Allergy to insects

Snake Bite

Skin Rash

G6PD Deficiency

Gonorrhea

Bladder Trouble

Food Intolerance

Syphilis

Herpes Labialis

Herpes Genitals

Eye Trouble

Ear Trouble

Nerve Problem

Drug Abuse

Alcohol Abuse

Suicide Attempt

Malaria

Motion Sickness

Poison Oak/Ivy

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**Please elaborate on all the “YES” answers in Sections 3-10.**

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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART II: ESSAYS**

**Please respond to the 3 questions or prompts below. There is a 250- word maximum limit (approximately one half single-spaced page) per essay. Make your essays as interesting and creative as you like!**

1. *What will you do to change the world? (It could be something you do in your family, neighborhood, larger community, while in another country, or for someone who lives in another country.)*
2. *Describe an experience in which you demonstrated your ability to adapt to a new environment or a situation you'd never been in before.*
3. *Tell us why the opportunity to participate in CALE Now! is important to you. What do you hope to get out of this program?*



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**GENERAL RELEASE**

**(To be filled in by parent/legal guardian)**

**AGREEMENT**

I understand that during the course of this program and all involvement therein, my child's photo and/or video likeness may be taken, and I hereby give my consent to use any such photo or video in conjunction with promotional use or media coverage. I also give permission for my child to travel within the United States and to Ireland (including any stops along the way) under the supervision of CALE Now! leaders and volunteers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DISCLAIMER**

I understand that CALE Now! reserves the right to change, cancel, or modify the program's schedule, workshops, outings, and travel at any time.

CALE Now! also reserves the right to withdraw any student whose conduct is deemed disruptive and/or harmful to peers, facilitators, or staff. In addition, CALE Now! cannot be held liable for personal injury or damage to or loss of personal property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**PART IV: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please provide 2 letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a school administrator, teacher or faculty member, and the other letter should be from an adult family member, mentor, coach, community leader, etc. The adult should know you well enough to talk specifically about your ability to interact well with others, your character, and your ability to handle unfamiliar situations.

Through the online application you will have the opportunity to email a request to the person you want to recommend you for the program.

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## Letter of Recommendation Form

*Due March 31, 2016*

Our program features a special kind of educational experience abroad. This applicant will be involved in an 8-week summer program in the U.S. and approximately one week abroad, with close contact with young people and adults in an environment that will require open-mindedness to cross-cultural experiences and active participation in volunteer and personal development activities. Visit [www.calenow.org](http://www.calenow.org) for more information. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. Please be very honest in your assessment of the applicant to help us to determine whether she or he is ready for this kind of program. Please indicate, by checking the appropriate spaces, your estimate of the applicant's characteristics. If you wish to add comments, please do so on another sheet of paper. Your answers will remain confidential.

### ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETE.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recommender Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 In what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Reference:  School Administrator, Teacher, Faculty Member  
 Adult Family Member, Mentor, Coach, Community Leader

1. Please comment on the applicant's demonstrated curiosity and desire to learn new things.
2. How well will the applicant be able to adapt to interacting with people from a different culture?
3. How well will the applicant be able to work with others in the program to resolve problems?
4. Please comment on the applicant's overall suitability for the program, including leadership potential and interpersonal skills.

Excellent Good Average Poor Unknown

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
1. Consideration for and interest in others and their views					
2. Shows respect to authority figures					
3. Leadership potential					
4. Ability to take direction cheerfully					
5. Initiative					
6. Sense of responsibility					
7. Ability to adjust to and cope with new situations					
8. Curiosity and imagination					
9. Ability to express himself or herself					
10. Sense of humor					

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Please check one of the following:

- I strongly recommend this student
- I recommend this student
- I have minor reservations about recommending this student.
- I have major reservations about recommending this student.
- I do not recommend this student

I agree that all of the information provided in this recommendation form is true and accurate, and I agree to answer any further questions the program leaders may have.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**PART V: PASSPORT**

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Attach copies of the first 2 pages of your passport. (*Note: You may apply even if you do NOT have a U.S. passport, but you will need one by May 16, 2016, to be accepted into the program.*)

Do you have a valid U.S. passport?                      Yes / No                      Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Country that issued passport \_\_\_\_\_                      Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST    To complete this application, please make sure you have included:**

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- Essays
- Parent/Guardian Information
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Parent/Guardian and Student signatures
- Uploaded or Scanned first two pages of your passport (if available)
- General Release
- Application Fee (\$25 paid online)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Good luck!

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