

Our mission is to create global leaders who transform themselves and the world through their exploration of international cultures.



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Parent/Caregiver:

Apply for your child to be a 2016 CALE Kid! CALE Now! leaders host a series of interactive workshops that help young people ages 11 to 14 explore cultural aspects of various countries outside of the United States, and experience self-discovery. Topics include **leadership, volunteerism, character development**, and much more. The goal is to broaden the minds of young people and equip them with life tools for success. Understanding the world landscape, and how they can impact it, play a major role in accomplishing that goal.

The 8-week **summer program** includes weekly learning sessions and outings, and then culminates with a trip to the country studied. Over the past 2 summers CALE Kids volunteered to **feed veterans and plant gardens**, they learned how to **manage money** and calculate exchange rates, they learned about **self-acceptance** and responsibility, and **made commitments** to positively change themselves, their families, their communities, and the world. They've journeyed to **Peru** to visit the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, and to **Ireland** to explore the ancient castles and give back by beautifying the wetlands. Next summer we head to **Cuba**. We aim to transform the future of young people by providing them with a unique opportunity to not only learn about a different culture and country, but to actually visit and immerse themselves in that environment.

The CALE Now! program is an excellent supplement to the California Educational Standards taught in our schools. Together, the curriculum of the school system and our program help to create well-rounded students who go on to be leaders and outstanding community members. Each CALE Kid must show dedication, compassion and an eagerness to learn. They leave our program with a better understanding of self, humanity and the world, and become ambassadors for global improvement. CALE Kids also will have a deeper understanding of the country of study, experience **personal growth**, and impact the world through volunteering.

Our program is valued at over \$4,000 per student, however all of our students have attended at no cost. We encourage families with limited resources to apply, as all students accepted into the program will receive financial assistance. Parents simply pay the \$25 application fee and secure the student's passport. Following is more information about student eligibility and program timeline:

Eligibility for our Program and Trip:

- ✓ Student age 11-14
- ✓ Be respectful and have excellent behavior
- ✓ Submit completed application with nominal application fee and recommendations
- ✓ Attend orientation with parent/caregiver
- ✓ Commit to attend all workshops and the trip to Cuba
- ✓ **Parent must secure student passport prior to his/her spot being confirmed on the trip (we can help with that process!)**

Timeline:

- January 2016: Applications Available Online at www.calenow.org
- March 2016: Applications Due
- April/May 2016: Participant Selections Announced & Orientation
- June 4, 2016 – July 23, 2016: Saturday Workshops
- July/August 2016: Trip to Cuba! (1 week between July 24 and August 9)

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