

Parents,

Does your junior want to travel the world this summer? The 2024 Gilbert Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program is the program for them! Gilbert Sister Cities is a nonprofit that offers juniors in Gilbert a chance to host an exchange student in their home and travel for free to either of our sister cities in China or Northern Ireland.

In addition to providing an opportunity for students to visit Leshan, China, or Antrim-Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland, for free next summer, the 2024 Youth Ambassador Program will include workshops for essay writing, fundraising, interviewing, and networking. Taught by local business leaders, these clinics will help participants develop skills that will help them with college admissions, scholarship applications and interviews, job interviews, and in the workforce.

Participants will have a variety of occasions to practice what they have learned during group and individual interviews, social events, and fundraisers.

Our first informational meeting is on **September 14** at Sonoma Ranch Elementary, and we would love to see you and your student there! In the meantime, please visit our website gilbertsistercities.org, and visit our Facebook and Instagram **@gilbertsistercities** for more information. If you have any questions, please email lori.schuermann@gilbertsistercities.com.