What is a Youth Ambassador?
DCNR's Youth Ambassador program is a 10-month volunteer opportunity aimed at engaging bright and energetic youth that have an appreciation for the outdoors and who care about the environment. Through this new program, motivated young adults will be able to develop a connection with one or more of Pennsylvania's 121 state parks and 20 forest districts. As an ambassador, these individuals will focus on highlighting and promoting the recreational opportunities, volunteer work, and experiences available to youth in the state parks and forests they represent.

Why Should I Be An Ambassador?
- Experience for college application and/or senior projects
- Giving back to local community and the environment
- Networking opportunities
- $100 gift card at end of service
- Recognition at PA Parks and Forest Foundation (PPFF) annual dinner

Am I Eligible?
- Be at least 14 years of age at the start of enrollment and must not graduate from high school before completion of the program.
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania.
- Have a source of transportation to and from desired host park or forest district.

What Is Expected?
DCNR Youth Ambassadors will be able to take part in the following activities throughout the duration of the year in order to raise awareness about youth engagement in Pennsylvania state parks and forests:
- Attend park/forestry events to assist staff, represent youth, and communicate with the public.
- Meet and interact with park/forest friends groups, if applicable.
- Act as liaison with youth-related organizations (school districts, YMCA, girl/boy scouts, 4-H, etc).
- Assist in park/forestry volunteer projects, such as maintaining trails, planting trees, removing invasive species, or helping with other park/forest needs.
- Suggest content to highlight and engage youth about park/forest’s social media platforms, if available (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).
- Use your personal social media networks to share your experience using the hashtag #DCNRAmbassador.

Which Locations Are Available?
You will be able to choose from one of the below park or forest districts to be the host site for your service. This will be the location that you check in with your park or forest liaison. Ambassadors are still encouraged to explore any of DCNR’s other park and forests to complete their service.
- **State Parks:** Chapman, Point, Tobyhanna, Little Buffalo, Neshaminy
- **Forest Districts:** Forbes, Tiadaghton, Clear Creek, Weiser

How Do I Apply?
Those interested in becoming a Youth Ambassador should visit the PA DCNR website and complete an application at www.dcnr.pa.gov/YouthAmbassadors. Applicants have until **June 1st** to apply to be a Youth Ambassador. PA DCNR Park and Forestry staff will interview and select applicants to become Youth Ambassadors by **July 1st**.