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global sustainability challenge

Call for Applications: Founding Student Ambassador for North America

Be the Voice. Lead the Change. Inspire a Movement.

Are you passionate about sustainability, leadership, and making a global impact? Join an international cohort of student leaders as a **Student Ambassador** for the ***inaugural*** **Global Sustainability Challenge -** a competition jointly hosted by Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability and top universities and youth-serving organizations worldwide, with a combined reach of over 3 million youth. The inaugural challenge will launch in late August 2025 to run through the 2025-26 academic year.

GSC's mission is to educate, inspire, and mobilize thousands of youth worldwide to design solutions for a sustainable future. It will provide students an unparalleled real-world and hands-on learning opportunity with knowledge and mentorship from the world's best experts.

We're looking for **diverse and dynamic student leaders across the U.S.** to help shape the future of sustainability through youth action.

Why Join as a Student Ambassador?

- **Global Exposure:** Represent the U.S. in a Global Student Council with peers from top institutions worldwide.
- **Leadership Opportunity & Professional Growth:** Shape a major international youth competition, with high visibility and networking opportunities with sustainability experts.
- **Be a Changemaker:** Mobilize youth to engage with real-world sustainability issues in an inclusive and exciting way, fostering hope and agency rather than dread.

Key Responsibilities

- **Be a Bridge**: Share student feedback, insights, and needs with the organizing team to improve the challenge experience.
- **Drive Participation**: Lead outreach efforts at your institution and beyond to increase visibility and enrollment in the challenge.
- **Support Participants**: Serve as a go-to resource for student teams in your region, answering questions and promoting engagement.

- **Build Community**: Host informal meetups, social media takeovers, or online forums to foster team spirit and local excitement.
- **Collaborate Globally**: Join regular calls and discussions with other ambassadors from across the world to share ideas and best practices.
- **[Stretch Goal] Support Logistics**: Help with regional coordination of virtual or in-person events.

Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled in an accredited U.S undergraduate or graduate program.
- Passionate about sustainability, youth leadership, and global collaboration.
- Self-motivated, reliable, and able to commit average 4–6 hours per week during the academic year (~August 2025-April 2026)
- Connected to student interest groups in their institution or region (e.g., clubs, societies, social platforms).
- [Bonus] Have experience in event organizing, outreach, or peer engagement.

We strongly encourage applications from students of all backgrounds, especially those from underrepresented communities, disciplines outside STEM, and smaller or rural institutions.

How to Apply

Fill this Online Application Form by July 28th, 2025

- Share your name, institution, and program
- Answer two short reflection prompts
    - Why do you care about sustainability?
    - How would you mobilize students in your region?
- Provide achievements (socials, impact reports) in past community leadership roles.
- *Optional Bonus Section* (we'll use this to break ties)
    - Optionally submit a short video, graphic, or voice memo showing how you'd promote the challenge or build excitement.

A panel will review applications with an emphasis on geographic, disciplinary, and socioeconomic diversity. Finalists may be invited for a short virtual conversation in the week of **July 28th, 2025**

Questions? Contact us at gsc2025_26@stanford.edu