

**APRIL TO
JUNE 2024**

April: USA
June: NZ



MESA YOUTH AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE 2024

**Opens 13 October 2023.
Closes 18 December 2023.**

We are seeking two Year 12 or 13 students and their families to represent Upper Hutt in an international student experience with our sister city, Mesa, Arizona, USA.

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What is Mesa Youth Ambassadors Exchange?

This programme is a home-hosted experience between Mesa City and Upper Hutt City. It is designed to be an inclusive cultural exchange to grow the worldview of our rangatahi, and to strengthen the international friendship between the two cities. It seeks to provide opportunities for young people to gain an increased sense of identity through exploring culture and diversity on an international scale.

The Council provides for the cost of airfares and travel insurance for the two selected candidates to travel to Mesa in April and arranges for some local events when we host our counterparts from Mesa in June.

How does the exchange work?

The exchange will take place between April and June 2024.

Our two selected rangatahi will travel to Mesa in April 2024 and be hosted by the selected Mesa youth and their families. They will attend school for approximately one week before the summer break and experience a range of organised activities when they are in Mesa.

Our Upper Hutt families will then reciprocate and host our American counterparts when they travel to Upper Hutt in June 2024. The students from Mesa will attend the schools in Upper Hutt and participate in activities that promote the culture and history of New Zealand.

Important Dates

13 October 2023	Application opens
18 December 2023	Application closes
Week of 8 Jan 2024	Interviews
Week of 22 Jan 2024	Home assessments
2 February 2024	Successful candidates notified
April 2024**	UH Youth Ambassadors depart & return
June 2024**	Mesa Youth Ambassadors arrive & depart

**Travel dates are subjected to flight availability.

How do I apply?

We invite all rangatahi from Year 12 or 13 to apply.

Please complete our online application form by scanning the QR code below. Please read the Code of Conduct which can be found on the website together with the online application form.

Each application must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the Principal or Dean of the school the student is currently attending. These letters should make comment on:

- **qualities of the student and suitability for the exchange**
- **any other factors that are relevant to support the application.**

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