

# EMPOWERING GIRLS' VOICES: NCGS MIDDLE SCHOOL GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Starting September 2021, Close Up and the National Coalition of Girls' Schools will offer *Empowering Girls' Voices: Civic Ambassadors Program*. This is a special opportunity to nominate six 8th grade students (ages 13-14) to represent your school in an examination of today's most pressing issues with other girls from across the world. Over 1,000 students from more than 65 girls' schools participated in *Empowering Girls' Voices*. Past civic ambassadors' actions have included facilitating issue-centered deliberations for lower grades, starting a student ambassador advisory board, and creating "lunch box talks" to allow space for difficult dialogues.

Through this series of six online civic engagement workshops, students will build relationships, connect their experiences and personal stories to ongoing political debates and policy deliberations, and return back home to share what they have learned as civic ambassadors of their school communities.

## Session Dates and Times

**Civic Ambassadors Program** | Mondays & Wednesdays | September 27-October 13, 2021 | 6:15-7:15pm (EDT) / 3:15-4:15pm (PDT)  
On Monday November 15, 2021, a final reflection and debrief will take place following student facilitated discussions at their schools.  
**Note:** There will not be a session on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each school will be combined with other NCGS schools from around the world for their discussion sessions. If you are interested in customized dates, for a program that will include participants from your school only, please reach out to us at [ncgs@closeup.org](mailto:ncgs@closeup.org).

## Eligibility and Cost

This program session and special rate is exclusively for NCGS member schools for students in grade 8. You may nominate six 8th grade students to represent your school as civic ambassadors.

- **6 Student Leaders:** \$1200 per NCGS member school
- **Individual Price:** \$250 per student

NCGS and Close Up are deeply committed to equity and inclusion. If you require financial assistance, please contact Close Up at [ncgs@closeup.org](mailto:ncgs@closeup.org).

## Registration

To register, please visit our [website](#).

## About Close Up

Established in 1971, [Close Up](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.

## About the National Coalition of Girls' Schools

[NCGS](#) is the leading advocate for girls' schools, connecting and collaborating globally with individuals, schools, and organizations dedicated to educating and empowering girls. NCGS serves over 270 PK-12 girls' schools (independent, public, charter, religiously affiliated, and boarding/day) around the world by providing networking, research, professional development, and advocacy programs focused on girls' learning and healthy development. Our growing global network includes more than 24,000 educators, 120,000 students, and nearly one million alumnae.

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