



Arthritis Foundation, Northeast Region Youth Ambassador Program

The Arthritis Foundation, Northeast Region is excited to be launching the Youth Ambassador Program, a new advocacy initiative for children/teens with arthritis. We are looking for Youth Ambassadors, ages 10-17 years, interested in sharing their story of life with arthritis to help to raise awareness of the disease. As a representative of the Arthritis Foundation (AF), the Youth Ambassador will enable those who do not have a connection with arthritis – especially the nearly 300,000 children with juvenile arthritis – to put a face to the disease.

We are looking for Youth Ambassadors who:

- Are willing to share their personal story, both in writing and in front of groups
- Are enthusiastic – and passionate about finding a cure
- Are interested in meeting with peers and receiving individual/group training from AF staff and volunteers.

Opportunities for Involvement:

- Work with AF staff to help prepare a speech and present your personal arthritis story at events such as AF programs, special events, Walk Kick-Offs, and legislative meetings.
- With guidance from AF staff, engage in age-appropriate versions of activities from the AF's overall Arthritis Ambassador Program: attend Town Hall meetings, visit elected officials in their local offices, assist the AF in recruiting additional advocates, attend the National Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C., etc. These efforts will facilitate the building of relationships with Congressional offices. You can read more about the Ambassador Program here: <http://www.arthritis.org/arthritis-ambassadors.php>
- Write hand-written thank you notes to elected officials, companies and supporters.
- Complete other tasks as needed to help put a face to this disease and raise awareness about arthritis

To apply:

- Download and complete the application form.
- Include the following with the application form: one photo and your own arthritis story.
- Send application form, photo, and arthritis story to:

Arthritis Foundation, Northeast Region Inc.
Youth Ambassador Program
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*Please note: Your application will also be shared with your local Chapter office.