

A National Youth Ambassador opportunity awaits

When New Jersey teenager Emily Fleischman was named a Youth Ambassador for the National Tourette Syndrome Association, she described it as "the first event I attended where I was interacting with other teens with TS and talking openly about TS. ... It was a great experience."



In the next few months, those words could be uttered by your teenager or one you know! The 2012 Youth Ambassador Program is accepting applicants for its April 19-22 training in Washington, D.C., right now.

The program trains kids and teens to talk about TS, and gives young people with Tourette Syndrome, their siblings, friends and classmates the preparation they need to speak about TS before their peers at school, sports leagues, scout troops, camps and after-school programs.

But you need to hurry -- the deadline for entering is Friday, Dec. 30, and the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome must have your application in hand by **4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22**, so it can be reviewed and passed on to the national office.

Teenagers with Tourette Syndrome wishing to participate in this program, which co-founder Jennifer Zwilling says helps teenagers "think globally and act locally," should visit www.tsa-usa.org for more information and to download an application.

Then, once the application is completed, it should be either mailed or faxed to NJCTS. Our address is 50 Division Street, Suite 205, Somerville, NJ 08876, and our fax number is 908-575-8699.

Thanks for your attention, and have a Happy Holiday and New Year!

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