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Bridging divides and defeating antisemitism – together

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#### Who We Are

program of Allied Voices for Israel (AVI), Common Ground is a movement that ns to build bridges between Jewish/Zionist students and their allies on campus eradicate antisemitism and hatred – together.

rough our *Common Ground Ambassadors* program, which begins with a avily subsidized trip to Israel, Canadian students will be exposed to peace orts between Israelis and Palestinians and learn about the robust diversity and mocracy of the State of Israel. By uniting students against antisemitism, we will ange the narrative around Israel on campus – one ally at a time.

Common Ground, we believe in peace and prosperity for those who believe in it. 
will empower students to build a framework on how to establish meaningful alitions with their peers, challenge hateful and divisive narratives, and foster a mpus environment that allows for freedom of thought and diversity of opinions hout fomenting any forms of bigotry or prejudice. We will educate students out Zionism as the indigenous success story of the Jewish People.

pur view, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement works to the triment of Israelis and Palestinians alike. On campus, it leads to the targeting didemonization of Jewish students and supports using Palestinians as pawns promote a corrupt political agenda. By joining Common Ground, students will reas advocates for peace for Israelis and Palestinians, thereby denouncing rorism and violence, and educating others that in the fight for equality, we must spect human rights for all.

nen our Ambassadors return to campus, they feel inspired to make a difference. It staff work with these student leaders to establish Common Ground on their spective campuses and expose their peers to a narrative that is *not* "anti-Israel" "anti-Palestine" – but one that encourages dialogue and a path forward.



## **What To Expect**

• Meet with a diverse set of citizens including Palestinians, Arab Israelis, Jewish Israelis,



- Druze, Christians, Ethiopian-Israelis, and many others.
- Visit strategic destinations such as the borders of Gaza, Lebanon and Syria to gain a better understanding of the challenges and threats facing Israel.
- Workshops on exposing the BDS movement, how to build coalitions with other studen how to understand the nuances of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and more.
- Discover how Israel uses high-tech and drip irrigation systems to foster relationships with countries in Africa and the Middle East.
- Hear from human rights activists, politicians, journalists, and educators.
- Explore the diversity of the Old City of Jerusalem during a tour of the Four Quarters.
- Learn about coexistence efforts between Israelis and Palestinians.

### Requirements on Campus

- Two semesters left on campus upon returning home from the program.
- Responding to or writing op-eds in student papers that promote the
  messaging of peace and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians (and as a
  methodology that can be worked with similar issues).
- Attending campus events that support the methodology of Common Ground and celebrate coexistence and peace.
- Participating in an event/webinar that educates students about the Arab-Israeli conflict from a neutral, balanced and apolitical lens.
- Tabling campaigns on campus that urge students to find each other's Common Ground.
- Educating students about Common Ground and how the anti-Israel movement is antithetical to peace and is to the detriment of Palestinians.
- Promoting awareness of other issues that are important to you.
   \*Students can choose four of six requirements to complete their Ambassadorship.





#### **Selection Process and Pricing**

All students, regardless of background, are encouraged to apply. Due to the competitive nature of the program, only highly recommended students involved in advocacy on campus will be accepted to become a Common Ground Ambassador. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. We will contact you if you are selected for an interview.

The program cost is \$449 CAD plus a \$249 refundable deposit that is returned to the Ambassador after the successful completion of two semesters of advocacy on campus. The program cost is generously subsidized by Common Ground.

Selected students will be participating in our July 17-July 27 cohort.

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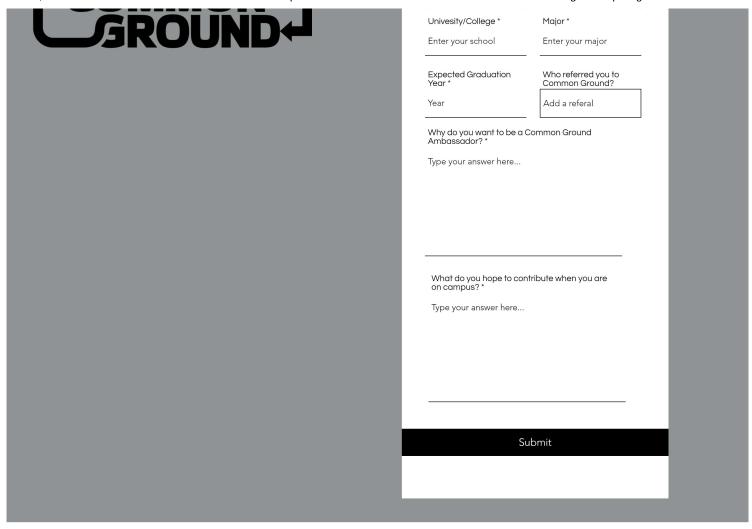
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