

## PROFILE AND REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Candidate profile

- **Age:** between 25 and 35 years old.
- **Nationality:** from one of the Iberosphere countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela).
- **Studies:** undergraduate or graduate degree in sociology, philosophy, political science, international relations, journalism, communication and related careers. Advanced level of English (sessions outside Madrid will be taught in English).
- **Principles and values:** candidates will share the right to dissent in the face of global political correctness and will promote the principles of Liberty, sovereignty of nations, life, family, rule of law and the rule of law.
- **Recognition and prestige:** candidates must have at least 3 years of experience in the political and/or social sphere in their countries and have an impeccable track record.
- **Political relevance and vocation:** candidates must be active and influential voices in society and commit to pursue their vocation as exemplary leaders, putting into action what they learn in the program.
- **Interest in world politics:** candidates must have a strong professional and personal interest in world affairs, trends and political developments, beyond the current situation in their countries.
- **Commitment:** participants commit to follow up on the projects designed during the program, as well as to keep in touch with the network of participants and with New Direction and Fundación Disenso.
- **Respect for the investment in the Program:** if the rules established during the program are not complied with, candidates will assume a partial cost of their participation.

## 2. Registration requirements

- By June 11, 2023, all candidates must send the following materials to [contact@newdirection.online](mailto:contact@newdirection.online):
  - Registration form, available on New Direction's website ([https://newdirection.online/young\\_leaders\\_academy\\_2023](https://newdirection.online/young_leaders_academy_2023)).
  - A copy of your passport (valid for at least 6 months).
  - A copy of the immigration documents required for travel to the countries where the program will take place (United States, Spain, Italy, Hungary and Poland).
  - An essay in Spanish on What is freedom? (maximum 1,000 words).
  - A video about how you are willing to defend freedom in your home country (maximum 2 minutes).
  - Three professional letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be completed by individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the candidate's background and skills.

## 3. Selection Process

- Applications will be evaluated by the Selection Committee of the Young Leaders Academy, composed of members of the management of New Direction, the board of trustees and the steering committee of Fundación Disenso, and advisors and members of the institutional team.
- Se enviará una notificación a todos los candidatos sobre la decisión del Comité antes o durante la semana del **19 de junio de 2023**.