

# Career Reflection

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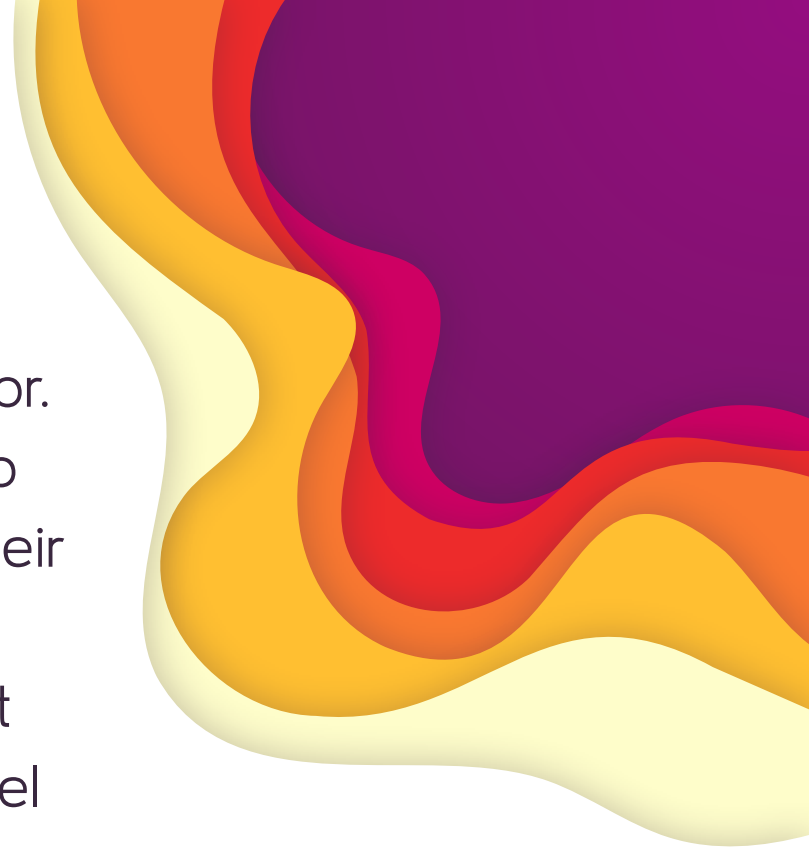
# My Career Results

The results from my CareerExplorer Assessment showed that I am a maverick and that I am tender-minded. My top careers had many leadership roles which took me by surprise. Some of these careers included Ambassador, Ceo, and Entrepreneur. Although these results were unexpected, they motivated me to improve my leadership skills and become more confident in my abilities in order to reach my aspired level of success.



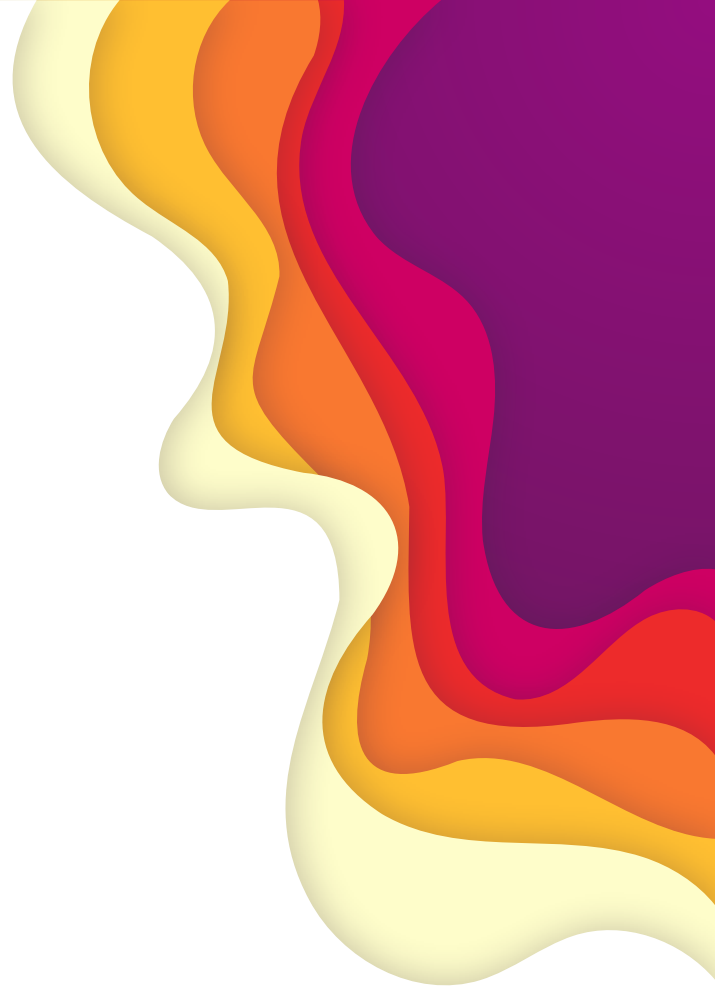
# Career Overview

My selected career is an Ambassador. The purpose of an Ambassador is to represent the US government, or their country of origin, in the place of a leader or president. The main effect of the pandemic on the field is travel restrictions. The ability to travel is a crucial part of the job.



# Ambassador Education Path

In order to become an ambassador, you must receive a high school diploma. Further educational requirements are not specific, but most commonly an undergraduate degree is expected. To obtain this, I plan to graduate from UTSA with a bachelor's degree in either political science or international affairs. A graduate degree is also highly common within the field. Proceeding to complete internships and volunteer experience through all of this will set you up for success.



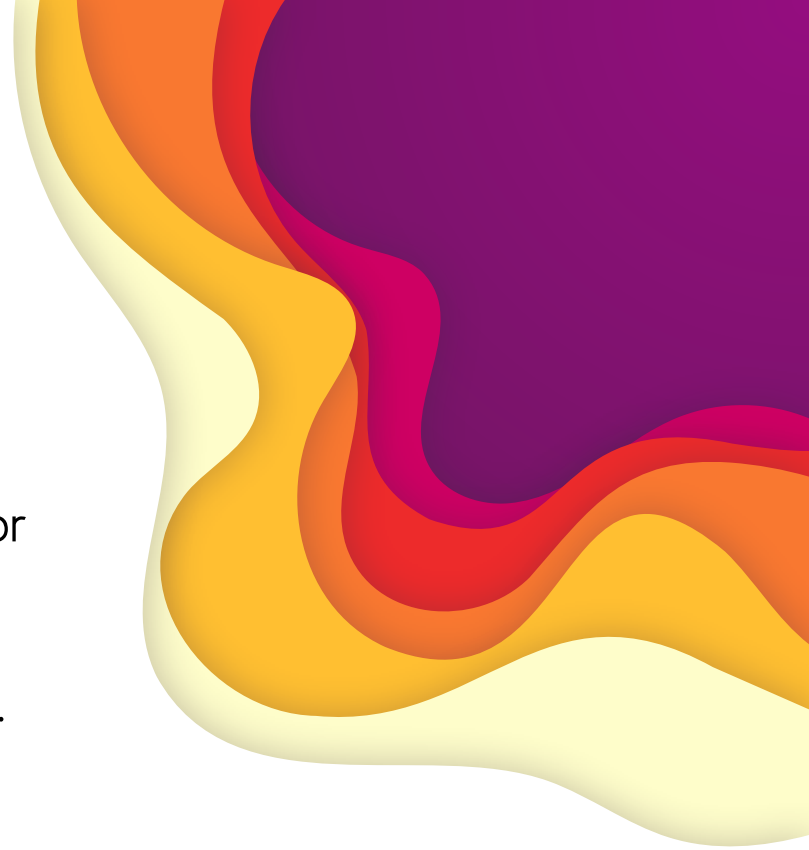
# How did I choose this career?

I was not aware that I had such fitting qualities to become an ambassador until after reviewing my results from the CareerExplorer Assessment. I was always planning to pursue law school and eventually become a lawyer with my degree in political science. Once I learned more about this career, I became extremely interested.



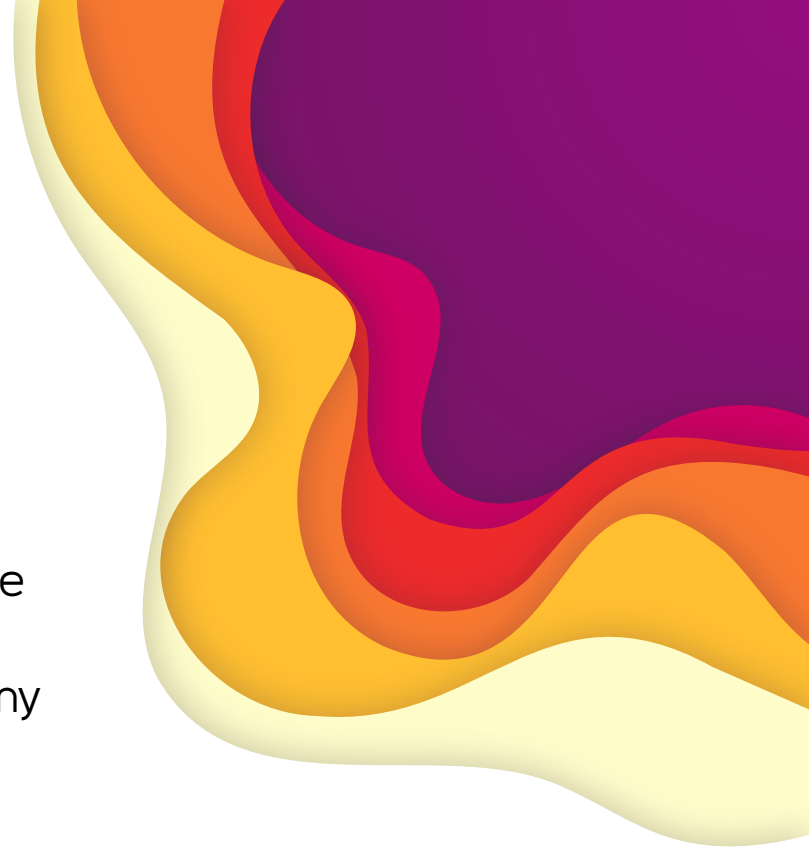
# My Place in the Field

A couple of my qualities that would help me become successful in the field would be that I am extremely organized and I am fluent in Arabic. One of the highest demands there is for Ambassadors is when they speak a foreign language, Arabic being one of them. I included this in my LinkedIn profile under my list of skills.



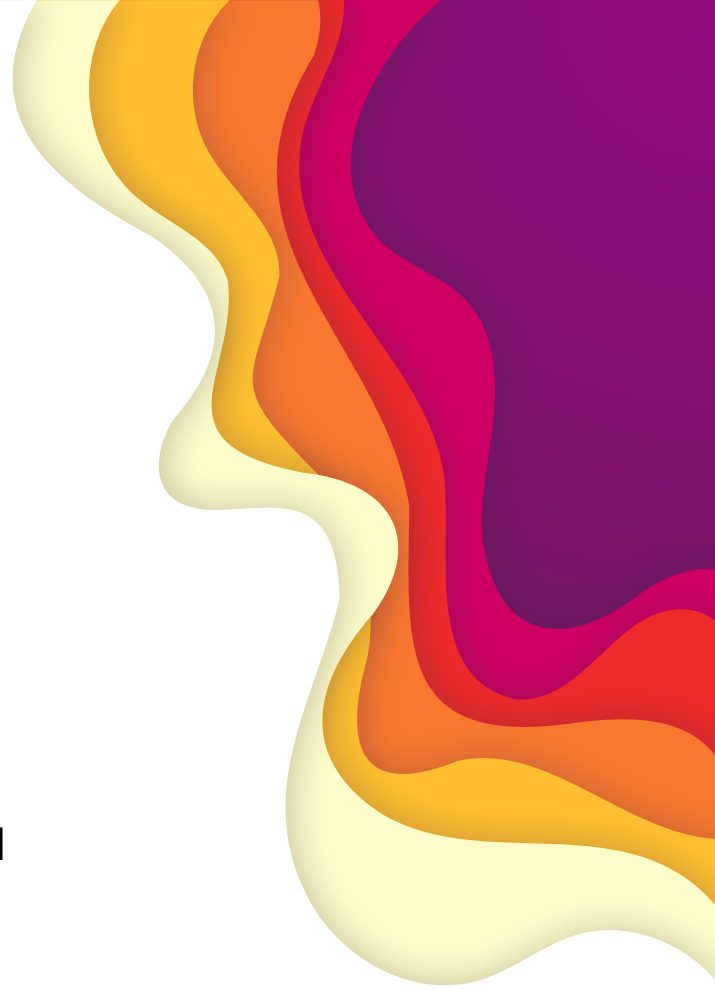
# Skills to Work on

According to the assessment, many of my skills are compatible with this career. In my personal opinion, I feel that it is important that I learn to take more control and be sure to have my voice be heard. I will improve my abilities to take leadership by trying to come more outside of my shell and to become more assertive within my next group assignments.



# Career Progression

Starting out, an aspiring ambassador would take internships and accumulate experience overseas. According to the CareerExplorer Assessment information, Internship Experience Program (IEP) and the Internship Temporary Program (ITEP). Both programs are open to U.S. citizens enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions from high school to graduate school. The programs provide students with domestic opportunities to explore Federal careers while being paid for the work performed.





# Qualities of a Successful Leader

A successful leader in my chosen field is commonly someone who has strong communication skills. It is expected that people who are most successful in the field are the considered to be charming. This is not necessarily something that I included on my LinkedIn, but I know that it is one of my strong suits considering that I thoroughly enjoy the company of others and I am sure to always make that be known.

# Taking Action Now

As I have previously mentioned, there are available internships for aspiring ambassadors. After learning this, I intend to do more research and apply in order to receive some experience in the field.



# How has the Pandemic Changed the Field

I previously mentioned that travel is a crucial part of this career. The traveling restrictions greatly affected Ambassadors because it created a barrier within their workplace.