



To the attention of:
Youth Leader candidates

20 January 2026

Dear Youth Leaders candidates,

The FIBA Foundation, in collaboration with the German Basketball Federation (DBB), will implement a Female Youth Leadership program linked to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026. The program is an opportunity for young, engaged people to gain additional leadership and project management skills.

As Youth Leaders, you will be responsible for coordinating the promotion of the Mascot Education Program of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup (FWBWC) 2026 under the guidance of the FIBA Foundation and DBB. The selected participants will join the global Youth Leaders network and might be considered for additional learning and engagement opportunities offered by the FIBA Foundation and its partners in the future.

The program is divided into four parts:

1. Virtual Tip-Off Sessions

The selected Youth Leaders will come together in virtual tip-off sessions to get introduced to the program, the team, as well as their role and responsibilities. Main topics to be covered comprise Basketball For Good and the Mascot Education Program.

The virtual tip-off sessions will take place in March 2026.

2. In-Person Female Youth Leadership Workshop

The Youth Leaders are invited to a 4-day Youth Leadership workshop in Berlin, Germany. They will be further educated on the Mascot Education Program with a focus on women's and girls' empowerment and work on their strategy of implementing it in their respective communities. Youth Leaders will also participate in the FIBA Hall of Fame and the FWBWC 2026 Draw.

The Youth Leadership workshop will take place from 18 to 22 April 2026.

3. Project Implementation

After the workshop, the Youth Leaders will be involved in coordinating the promotion of the Mascot Education Program within their communities. The aim is to raise awareness about the FWBWC 2026, the participating countries, and to foster girls' participation and empowerment through basketball before, during, and after the event.

The project implementation will take place from May 2026.

4. FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026

During the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026 in Berlin, the event will be used as a platform to promote the Mascot Education Program. Youth Leaders will have the opportunity to engage in volunteer roles and participate in promotional and educational activities. **The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup will take place from 4 to 13 September 2026.**

The FIBA Foundation wishes to formally invite you to submit your candidatures if you are interested in joining this program. All Female Youth Leaders must fulfil the following criteria:

- Females aged in between 20 – 30 years old
- Interest and knowledge in using the power of basketball as a tool for positive change
- Keen to contribute to the social legacy of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup in Germany
- Proficient in German and English
- Available during all indicated dates

The FIBA Foundation and DBB will then select and invite one Youth Leader per State Association to participate in the program with costs covered by the FIBA Foundation and DBB. The application form which each Youth Leader candidate must fill out is annexed. **Please return your nomination form signed by your State Association to foundation@fiba.basketball prior to the deadline of 13 February 2026.**

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hamane Niang".

Hamane Niang
FIBA Foundation President

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Ingo Weiss
DBB President