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## **APPLICATIONS FOR GENERATION MIX NATIONAL AWARENESS TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

**(Seattle)** This spring, five mixed race teens and 20-somethings will travel 8,000 miles across the United States in a 26-foot RV to raise awareness of the nation's multiracial baby boom. Their efforts will jumpstart a national dialogue about how multiracial people are redefining diversity and changing the face of America.

Applications are now available via the Generation MIX website ([www.generationmix.org](http://www.generationmix.org)), or by calling 1 888 77 MAVIN. Prospective applicants can download a PDF version of the application that must be returned no later than November 30, 2004 to be considered. **These young people will be the ambassadors of the Generation MIX project, and will represent the face of America's mixed race baby boom.**

Hitting 16 locations in major cities across the United States, five young adults will work with MAVIN Foundation staff and local multiracial organizations from Seattle to Boston. Their objectives are to raise awareness of the growing number of multiracial people in the nation, and to provide access to the growing body of resources. **Today, in states like California, Oregon and Washington State, more mixed race babies are born than any other race but Caucasian.**

"We're looking forward to reviewing applications from prospective participants," says Marinda Melonson, the 20-year-old project manager of the Generation MIX National Awareness Tour. "It will be an exciting challenge to assemble our crew of young people to represent the diversity of America's growing mixed race and transracial adoption community. We hope to receive applications from people who represent diverse experiences and perspectives."

The Generation MIX National Awareness Tour is a project of MAVIN Foundation, the nation's leading organization that celebrates and advocates for mixed race people and families. Since 1998, MAVIN's award-winning projects like MAVIN magazine and the MatchMaker Bone Marrow Project have raised awareness of this rapidly growing population. For more information, visit [www.mavinfoundation.org](http://www.mavinfoundation.org) or [www.generationmix.org](http://www.generationmix.org).