

2020 National Youth Science Camp

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General Information and Instructions for Applicants

National Youth Science Camp	The National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state in the United States and others from selected countries around the world. Scientists from across the U.S. present lectures and hands-on science seminars and linger to interact informally with student delegates. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for delegates to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D.C. permits delegates to visit some of the U.S.'s premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSCamp experience includes overnight excursions into the Monongahela National Forest, featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, and kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety, as the fast-paced activities and remote location make travel to and from the NYSCamp very difficult. Learn more at www.nyscamp.org .
Location of the NYSCamp	The NYSCamp will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia in the United States.
Dates of the NYSCamp	Delegates MUST attend the entire NYSCamp program. Delegates arrive in the United States on Monday, June 22, 2020 , and depart on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 .
Cost	The National Youth Science Camp is offered at NO COST to its participants so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge to the delegates.
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age on July 1, 2020, have strong skills in spoken English, and be eligible for a J-1 Visa to enter the United States. <i>Do not apply for a J1 Visa at this time; if selected, the U.S. Embassy in your country will provide assistance.</i>• You must have documented superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics or the sciences.• You must have documented leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school or community activities.• You must have documented skills and achievements outside the realm of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and outside the realm of academia.• You must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.• You must intend to pursue higher education and a career in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related field.• You must be willing and able to participate in the entire NYSCamp program.• Proficiency in English is necessary, as the program is conducted in English.
Application Criteria	A complete application will require the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),2. A letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSCamp experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science (must be typed),3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development.
Submission Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above (mail) OR email to nysc@niherst.gov.tt2. Mail or drop off your completed application directly to NIHERST so that it is received no later than April 3, 2020. Do NOT send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation. Completed application forms must be addressed to: Josanne Warner (Selection Coordinator NYSC), and can be delivered to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NIHERST, Ministry of Education, Education Towers, Level 13, Tower A, 5 St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain2. NIHERST Science Centre Corner Churchill Roosevelt Highway and Old Piarco Road, D'Abadie

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International Delegate Application Cover Sheet

Name:			
	Last (Surname)	First	Middle
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary		
Street Address:			
City, State Zip:			
Country:			
Home Telephone:			
Mobile Telephone:			
E-mail Address:			
School Name:			
School Address:			
City, State Zip, Country:			
School Telephone:			
1) Parent/Guardian Full Name:			
Relationship:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Step Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Step Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip, Country:			
E-mail Address:	Phone Number:		
2) Parent/Guardian Full Name:			
Relationship:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Step Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Step Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip, Country:			
E-mail Address:	Phone Number:		
Applicant Certification:	I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements and that all of the information submitted is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. Additionally, if I am invited to participate in the National Youth Science Camp, I intend to participate in the entire program from June 22, 2020 through July 15, 2020.		
	Applicant's Signature	Date Signed	