



## General Information

<b>National Youth Science Camp</b>	<p>The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state. Scientists from across the nation 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 nation's premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSC 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 NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at <a href="http://www.nysc.org">www.nysc.org</a>.</p>				
<b>Location of the NYSC</b>	<p>The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.</p>				
<b>Dates of the NYSC</b>	<p>Delegates <b>MUST</b> be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on <b>Wednesday, June 15, 2016</b>, and depart on <b>Sunday, July 10, 2016</b>.</p>				
<b>Cost</b>	<p>The National Youth Science Camp is offered at <b>NO COST</b> 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.</p>				
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be candidates for high school graduation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016;</li> <li>• Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;</li> <li>• Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;</li> <li>• Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits; and</li> <li>• Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.</li> </ul>				
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## Delegate Application Process

### **Overview of the Application Process**

1. Potential applicants will go to <http://apply.nysc.org> using any modern web browser. This will be called this the *NYSC Application Landing Page*.
2. The applicant will click the “Sign Up>>” button on the *NYSC Application Landing Page* (<http://apply.nysc.org>). They may, alternatively, create an account using their Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn credentials. For this summary, these instructions will focus on the direct account registration process.
3. After clicking the “Sign Up>>” button, the applicant will enter their full name, E-mail address, password, and timezone.
4. After submitting this information, the account is created and an E-mail message is sent to the supplied E-mail address to confirm the registration. Applicants are directed to “please click on the link in the email to confirm the registration and activate the account.”
5. After completing the account registration process, the applicant can log into the system from the *NYSC Application Landing Page* using their E-mail address and chosen password.
6. Once logged into the system, the applicant completes a list of tasks.
  - a. Completes a form providing additional contact information.
  - b. Completes a form providing contact information for one or two parents or guardians.
  - c. Completes a form providing information about their current school.
  - d. Uploads an application letter detailing his/her qualifications, how he/she would benefit from the NYSC experience, and his/her thoughts on the social impacts of science.
  - e. Uploads a current resume or curriculum vitae.
  - f. Uploads a transcript which include standardized test scores whenever possible.
  - g. Uploads standardized test scores that they have (SAT, ACT, PSAT, etc.).
  - h. Optionally uploads a photograph.
  - i. Provides the name and E-mail address of a teacher or research mentor who will provide a letter of support.
  - j. The applicant may log out of the system and return as many times as necessary to complete each of the steps. The current status of each step is indicated on their account page.
  - k. If and only if all of the required steps are complete (the photograph is the only optional component), then the applicant may press the “Submit Application” button. This button is accompanied by the following text: By submitting this application I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, 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 that I intend to participate in the entire program from June 15, 2016, through July 10, 2016.

- I. Once the application is submitted, it is saved in the system and is ready for the review team to evaluate.