

# 2011 National Youth Science Camp<sup>®</sup>

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## General Information and Instructions

- National Youth Science Camp** 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 expeditions into the Monongahela National Forest featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, or kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety as the fast-paced activities in the remote location make travel to and from the NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org).
- Location of the NYSC** The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.
- Dates of the NYSC** Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Thursday, June 30, 2011**, and depart on **Sunday, July 24, 2011**.
- 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**
- Must be candidates for high school graduation between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011;
  - Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
  - Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;
  - Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits; and
  - Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.
- Application Criteria** A complete application consists of an original and one copy of the following:
1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),
  2. A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (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), and
  5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor.
- Submission Instructions**
1. Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above, together with one staple in the upper left corner. Do not otherwise bind your application nor place it in a folder.
  2. Mail or ship your complete application **directly to your state's selection coordinator** so that it is received **no later than your state's deadline**. Contact information for your state's selection coordinator is available online at [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org). Do **NOT** send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.
- Questions** For answers to questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact your state's selection coordinator. See [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org) for more information.

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## Delegate Application Cover Sheet

Print or Type

<b>Name:</b>	_____		
	Last	First	Middle
<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
<b>Street Address:</b>	_____		
<b>City, State Zip:</b>	_____		
<b>Home Telephone:</b>	_____		
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	_____		
<b>Parents' or Legal Guardians' Full Names:</b>	_____		
<b>School Name:</b>	_____		
<b>School Address:</b>	_____		
<b>City, State Zip:</b>	_____		
<b>School Telephone:</b>	_____		

### Application Check List:

Your application material must be sent directly to your state's selection coordinator so that it is received by your state's deadline. Do **NOT** send it to the office of the National Youth Science Camp. See [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org) for more information.

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### Applicant Certification:

I certify by signature below, that I will receive a high school diploma between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. If selected, I expect to be available to participate during the entire period of the National Youth Science Camp from June 30 through July 24, 2011.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_