

2021 National Youth Science Camp

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General Information and Instructions for Applicants

National Youth Science Camp

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) has traditionally been 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. As a result of a global health crisis, however, the 2021 NYSCamp will be an entirely virtual experience which will include world-class lectures, directed studies, and seminars with prestigious and up and coming STEM professionals from across the U.S. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music and engage with staff members, STEM professionals, and one another in exciting, fun and meaningful ways. Even though delegates can't gather in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia this year, the 2021 Virtual NYSCamp will be an engaging, stimulating, and unforgettable educational experience! Learn more at www.nyscamp.org.

Location of the NYSCamp

Virtual

Dates of the NYSCamp

Delegates **MUST** attend the entire NYSCamp program beginning **Monday, June 28, 2021** and ending on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**. Although other camp activities will be offered, **selected delegates must commit to a minimum 4.5 hour daily virtual participation requirement between the hours of 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) for the duration of the camp.**

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.

Eligible Applicants

- If you are a resident of Jamaica, then you must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age on July 1, 2021, and have strong skills in spoken English.
- 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:

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), and
 5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development.
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- Submission Instructions**
1. Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above or email to kingstonexchanges@state.gov.
 2. Mail or ship your complete application **directly to your selection coordinator** so that it is received **Friday, April 9**.
 3. Mail to:

NYSCamp 2021 Application
c/o Public Affairs Section
U.S. Embassy, Kingston
30 Munroe Road
Kingston 6

4. Do **NOT** send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.

Questions For questions about the application and/or delegate selection process, please contact the Public Affairs Section of U.S. Embassy, Kingston via email: kingstonexchanges@state.gov
