

# 2020 National Youth Science Camp

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## General Information and Instructions for Applicants

<b>National Youth Science Camp</b>	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 <a href="http://www.nyscamp.org">www.nyscamp.org</a> .
<b>Location of the NYSCamp</b>	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.
<b>Dates of the NYSCamp</b>	Delegates <b>MUST</b> attend the entire NYSCamp program. Delegates arrive in the United States on <b>Monday, June 22, 2020</b> , and depart on <b>Wednesday, July 15, 2020</b> .
<b>Cost</b>	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.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This call is only for Ecuadorian citizens.</li> <li>• Must be 16 to 18 years of age on July 1, 2020.</li> <li>• Must have strong skills in spoken English as the program will be conducted in English.</li> <li>• Must 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 Ecuador will provide assistance.</i></li> <li>• Must have documented superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics or the sciences.</li> <li>• Must have documented leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school or community activities.</li> <li>• Must have documented skills and achievements outside the realm of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and outside the realm of academia.</li> <li>• Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.</li> <li>• Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related field.</li> <li>• Must be willing and able to participate in the entire NYSCamp program.</li> </ul>
<b>Application Criteria</b>	A complete application will require the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),</li> <li>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),</li> <li>3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,</li> <li>4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6. English language certificate.</li> <li>7. <b>DO NOT</b> send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.</li> </ol>
<b>Application Instructions</b>	A complete application and supporting documents should be submitted in a <b>single e-mail</b> , with only <b>one PDF attachment</b> (this should include the application forms and accompanying documents) addressed to: <a href="mailto:contactocultural@state.gov">contactocultural@state.gov</a> . The subject line of your email should read: NYSCamp 2020 application – your full name.
<b>Application</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.</b> * There are only two full scholarships available for students from Ecuador.

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<b>Deadline</b>	
<b>Questions</b>	For questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact us on <a href="mailto:contactocultural@state.gov">contactocultural@state.gov</a> . Visit <a href="http://www.nysc.org">www.nysc.org</a> for more information.

