



**The U.S. Embassy in Mexico is requesting applications from
Mexican students finishing high school (preparatoria) in 2017
to participate in the
2017 National Youth Science Camp**

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 and others from selected countries around the world. 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 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 Wednesday, June 14, 2017 , and depart on Saturday, July 8, 2017 .
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"> • Must be 16 to 18 years of age during the program. • 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.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexican citizenship (candidates with dual U.S. and Mexican nationalities or U.S. resident status are ineligible) • Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency- minimum grade point average of 9.0, 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. • Must provide a TOEFL certificate as evidence of English language proficiency, with a minimum score of 500 points. If you are unable to take a TOEFL test in a timely fashion, please have an English teacher complete the enclosed English Proficiency Evaluation Form. If you have taken any other formal English exam such as the IELTS, please enclose a copy.



	<p>A list of institutions administering the TOEFL ITP in Mexico is available at: http://iie.org/Offices/Mexico-City-Espanol/Evaluaciones</p>
Application Instructions:	<p>A complete application and supporting documents should be submitted in a single E-mail as two separate attachments (one attachment is your application form and the other all your accompanying documents in PDF) addressed to: USEmbCultural@state.gov The subject line of your E-mail should read: NSYC 2017 application – your full name. A complete application contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type).• Application Form-Mexico (please print or type).• A letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSC experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science (must be typed),• A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,• A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible),• A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development. The letter should be written in English or if in Spanish a translation should be provided. The letter should be addressed to the Cultural Section, U.S. Embassy Mexico and submitted directly by the professor or mentor to: USEmbCultural@state.gov with the following subject line: NSYC 2017 – Recomendación: student’s full name, and• TOEFL ITP certificate.• Do NOT send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.
Application deadline	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017</p> <p>**There are only two full scholarships available for students from Mexico.</p>
Questions	<p>For answers to questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact your state’s selection coordinator. See www.nysc.org for more information.</p>