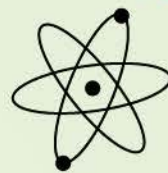


# Convocatoria



The U.S. Mission in Mexico is requesting applications from Mexican high school (preparatoria) students in their second or third year to participate in the:

## 2026 National Youth Science Camp

Operated by the National  
Youth Science Foundation



### General Information and Instructions

#### 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. This program celebrates American leadership in space exploration, scientific innovation, and technological advancement. It will include world-class lectures, directed studies, and seminars with prestigious and up-and-coming STEM professionals from across the United States. 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. The NYSCamp will gather students from the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, and Trinidad & Tobago.

The 2026 NYSCamp will be a fully in-person experience, with the entirety of camp occurring over three weeks. Delegates are expected to participate daily in camp activities for the entire duration of camp. The NYSCamp is offered to each selected participant at no cost so that talented students may attend regardless of their financial ability. Learn more at [www.nyscamp.org](http://www.nyscamp.org)

This is a very competitive program in which two (2) Mexican high school students will have the opportunity to participate this year.

#### Location of the NYSCamp

The 63rd NYSCamp will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia and a portion in Washington, D.C. in the United States.

#### Dates of the NYSCamp

Delegates MUST attend the entire NYSCamp program from July 11 to August 1, 2026.

#### 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

- Must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age on July 1, 2026.
- This call is only for Mexican citizens (candidates with dual U.S. and Mexican nationalities or U.S. resident status are ineligible.)
- Must be registered in the second or third year of a public or private Mexican highschool (preparatoria), planning to graduate between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 or between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
- Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency- minimum grade point average of 9.0-, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences.
- Must have documented leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities.

- Must have documented skills and achievements outside the realms of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and outside the realm of academia.
- Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore varied topics.
- Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in science, technology, engineering, or a mathematics related field.
- Must be willing and able to participate in the entire NYSCamp program.
- Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 with at least one booster before attending the in-person portion of camp. Official documentation of vaccination status will be required to be submitted if selected to attend the NYSCamp.
- Must demonstrate English proficiency as the program is conducted in English.
- Please provide one of the following English certificates:
  - TOEFL ITP: minimum score of 500 points.
  - TOEFL IBT: minimum score of 61 points.
  - TOEFL JR: minimum score of 800 points.
  - IELTS: B1 level.
  - Duolingo Test: minimum score of 60 points.
  - VTest General English: B1 level. For more information and registration, please contact Liliana.e@burlingtonenglish.mx

#### Application Instructions:

**Please read carefully, incomplete applications will not be considered**

To apply to the NYSCamp, please complete an application then in "Location" click on the "+Add" button and search for the country appearing as "Mexico."

Complete all required items and upload the following documents by dropping the files into each item. Please address all questions to: [mexcity\\_evexchanges@state.gov](mailto:mexcity_evexchanges@state.gov)

- Letter of application. Please address the following questions: 1. Why do you want to attend the NYSCamp? 2. What do you believe qualifies you to represent your state at the NYSCamp? 3. How do you think attending the NYSCamp will benefit you? 4. Your thoughts on the social impacts of science. 5. Anything else you think would benefit your application as a delegate.
- Resume. Please include the following items if applicable: Work and volunteer experience; leadership experience; awards and honors; and extracurricular activities.
- High school transcript. This document should include your current cumulative grade point average, and it does not need to be translated into English.
- English language certificate. Only the certificates listed above will be accepted.
- Selected participants will be contacted by **April 10, 2026**.

#### Application Deadline

**Sunday, March 15 at 11:59 p.m. Mexico City Time**

**Delegate Application Form**

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