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SUBJECT: National Youth Science Camp Applications

Applications for the 2017 [National Youth Science Camp \(NYSC\)](#) are now available to districts. The deadline to apply is 6 p.m. on March 1, 2017.

Two high school seniors will be selected as delegates to represent New Jersey and will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from academic, governmental and corporate worlds. The nearly month-long experience includes lectures; hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation; overnight outdoor trips into the Monongahela National Forest; and a visit to Washington, D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership.

The delegates will arrive in Charleston, W.V., on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, and depart on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Accommodations can be made for those representatives who are scheduled to graduate during the NYSC.

The camp is held near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia within the Monongahela National Forest. The experience is offered at no cost to its participants, so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. Contributions to the National Youth Science Foundation allow delegates to participate in this "once in a lifetime" experience. Educational and recreational programming, meals, lodging and round-trip air travel are all provided free of charge.

Many alumni of the NYSC experience describe it as life-changing, since it gives them the confidence to achieve more than they thought possible.

Michael Heinz, New Jersey's delegate selection coordinator, is available to answer questions about NYSC or the application process. He can be reached by email at michael.heinz@doe.state.nj.us.

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