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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Laura C. Morana, Acting Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: 2018 National Youth Science Camp Applications

Applications for the 2018 [National Youth Science Camp](#) (NYSC) are now available to districts. The deadline to apply is 6 p.m. EST Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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 27 and depart on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Accommodations can be made for 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 what many attendees describe as a “once in a lifetime” experience. Educational and recreational programming, meals, lodging and round-trip air travel are all provided free of charge.

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

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