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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jim Verley, Science Content Specialist

DATE: December 18, 2009

SUBJECT: 2010 National Youth Science Camp

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program for young scientists the summer after high school graduation. The WDE is asking high school Science teachers to help select, encourage and support students for application to the 2010 ***all expenses paid*** program.

In addition to meeting selection criteria, delegates **MUST** be able to travel out of state to West Virginia from late June to late July, 2010. To reinforce and encourage well-rounded development, the NYSC's scientific programming also provide a challenging outdoor program. All travel arrangements are made by NYSC for transportation from an airport near the delegate's home to Charleston, West Virginia. Complete application and eligibility information can be found in the attached documents or at <http://www.nysc.org/2010/index.html>.

Mail or ship the completed application directly to Dr. Jim Verley, Wyoming Selection Coordinator, Wyoming Department of Education, 2020 Grand Avenue, Suite 500 Laramie, WY 82070. Applications **must be received** no later than **January 22, 2010**. Please support science achievement for Wyoming's students by nomination to this program which honors, rewards, and encourages their continued excellence in science.

Please contact Dr. Jim Verley, at jverle@educ.state.wy.us or 307-777-3793 with further questions.

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Attachment

Summary

The NYSC is one of the nation's premier programs in secondary science education. Since its inception in 1963 as part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the residential summer program has offered educational forums and recreational activities that encourage the development of thoughtful scientific leadership. Two students are selected to represent each state and delegates must participate in the entire NYSC program. Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010**, and depart on **Friday, July 23, 2010**.

Cost

The NYSC is an *all-expenses-paid* program. The National Youth Science Foundation will arrange round trip transportation from an airport near the delegate's home to Charleston, West Virginia. Incidental expenses are not covered. Alternate travel arrangements are possible - please contact the NYSF for restrictions and requirements.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be candidates for high school graduation between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010;
- 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 both 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.

Application Process

To apply, please following do the following:

Review the information about the selection process in your state or country by visiting the [selection coordinator database](#).

- If your state uses the generic application packet, please download it here:
[2010 NYSC Application in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format](#)
[2010 NYSC Application in MS Word .docx format](#)
[2010 NYSC Application in MS Word .doc format](#)

A complete application consists of an original and one copy of the following:

1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type), which can be found at: <http://www.nysc.org/2009/index.html>. Scroll down to application process and download in either Adobe Acrobat or MS Word format.
2. A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (must be typed),
3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,
4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and
5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor.

Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above, together with one staple in the upper left corner. Do not otherwise bind your application nor place it in a folder.

Mail or ship your complete application directly to Dr. Jim Verley, Wyoming Department of Education, 2020 Grand Avenue, Suite 500, Laramie, WY, 82070, your state's selection coordinator. **It must be received no later than January 22, 2010.** Do **NOT** send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.

For answers to questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact your state's selection coordinator, Dr. Jim Verley, at jverle@educ.state.wy.us or 307-777-3793.