

The State of West Virginia will once again host the National Youth Science Camp. Please identify one of your graduating high school seniors who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, leadership potential, and excellence in the sciences as a candidate to represent Mississippi at this nationally recognized honors program. A panel of judges will review all applications to select two of Mississippi's most outstanding science students to represent our state at the National Youth Science Camp.

This year marks the 36th anniversary of the National Youth Science Camp. The four-week summer program honors excellence in science and encourages thoughtful scientific leadership through scientific lectures, hands-on research opportunities, and a challenging outdoor recreational program. The program seeks to broaden, inspire and promote the interest of our youth in pursuing scientific careers and to encourage thoughtful scientific leadership for our nation's future.

The National Youth Science Foundation covers all expenses of the students' participation, including travel. Candidates must be available to participate in the entire program, June 29 to July 24, 200.

An application (Word document) is attached to this message. Additional information concerning the camp may be found at <http://web.mountain.net/~nysc/faq.html>. **The deadline for applications is March 30, 2000.** Please submit your applications to:

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Please feel free to contact me at 601/359-2528 if you have any questions. I apologize for the late notice, but my office just became aware of this incredible opportunity and wanted to make it available to Mississippi students. Thank you for your prompt assistance!