



U.S. Embassy - Mexico



The Embassy of the United States of America in Mexico
is requesting applications from
Mexican students finishing high school (*preparatoria*) in 2015
to participate in the
2015 National Youth Science Camp
to take place in West Virginia, U.S.A.

Dates: June 17 to July 20, 2015

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education honors program for students the summer after they graduate from high school. Scientists from across the United States present lectures and hands-on science seminars and interact informally with participants. In a rustic setting, students from the U.S. and around the world are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for students to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D. C. permits delegates to visit some of the premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities in the United States. The NYSC experience includes overnight excursions into the Monongahela National Forest featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, or kayaking opportunities. Students are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety. More information is available online at: www.nysc.org.

Qualifications:

- Mexican citizenship (candidates with dual U.S. and Mexican nationalities or U.S. resident status are ineligible)
- High school students aged 16-18 completing 12th grade (*tercero de preparatoria*) by June 2015
- Superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences. Minimum grade point average of 9.0
- Must demonstrate leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in 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.
- Minimum TOEFL ITP score of 500 (Test of English as a Foreign Language - Institutional Testing Program). For information on where to take the exam in your city please visit: <http://iie.org/Offices/Mexico-City-Espanol/Evaluaciones>

Application Instructions:

- Complete Application Packet Instructions and submission information can be found [here](#).
- A complete application will contain the following and should be submitted to your Selection Coordinator:
 - o Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),
 - o Application Form-Mexico,
 - o A letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSC experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science (must be typed),
 - o A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,
 - o A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and
 - o A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development.

While a TOEFL ITP is preferred, if you are unable to take the exam, please have an English teacher complete the [Report on English Language](#).

There are only two full scholarships available for students from Mexico.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2015