

Dear President and Youth Director,

Applications for the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program are now open!

The NYSF greatly appreciates Rotary's generous support and promotion of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program in local communities. Last year, 48% of NYSF participants came from remote and regional parts of Australia, thanks to the unique relationship between Rotary and NYSF. We look forward to continuing to work with you and to welcoming students from your area in 2022.

Applications have now opened and soon your Rotary Club is likely to be contacted by Year 11 students seeking endorsement of their applications to attend the NYSF Year 12 Program in January 2022.

Following the outstanding success of this year's program format (modified due to COVID-19), the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program will run as a 12-day hybrid program. The program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

During the program, students have the opportunity to:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities;
- learn about cutting-edge research;
- engage with industry partners and research providers;
- learn about study options and STEM career pathways;
- mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia; and
- network with former NYSF participants on STEM-related study and career pathways.

In addition to STEM workshops, participants also participate in sessions on entrepreneurship, critical thinking, science communication, working together effectively, and much more. The focus is not solely on academic achievements, but on developing well-rounded individuals who have the skills and confidence to determine their futures.

Application process

Students must apply through the NYSF website www.nysf.edu.au. Following feedback from Rotary District Chairs, the application fee for the Program has been reduced to \$25. Students need to pay this application fee as they submit their application, on or before the **closing date of 2 July 2021**. There is no limit on the number of applicants your Club can endorse and no obligation to provide funding along with endorsement to those applicants who are successful.

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Program fee & fee help

The fee to attend the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program is \$1,900. Please advise students of the level of funding, if any, your Club can provide, ensuring all parties, including parents, are aware of any financial obligations incurred by taking part in the program. Any financial or fundraising assistance your Club can provide to successful applicants is greatly appreciated. Successful applicants will be invoiced directly for the full fee in September/October.

The NYSF has a number of Equity Scholarships available to provide funding to students who need assistance to attend. Once a student has been selected, they may apply for extra funding via the NYSF – all students are given the information and opportunity to apply for this based on their individual circumstances and needs.

2021 Student testimonials

NYSF was an amazing experience for me which helped me meet amazing and inspiring people. From Nobel Laureates to Professor Lisa Harvey Smith, the sky truly was the limit. I made amazing friends from around the country, some of whom have become some of my closest friends today. I am now considering so many more and different pathways which I wouldn't have considered prior to NYSF in the field of STEM.

– Manav, 2021 Participant

Despite the modification to the NYSF program and given the challenges in 2020, I still found my experience invaluable in terms of personal development. Among the gains from the program I would say, it certainly opened my mind up about opportunities I hadn't considered with respect to study and career and fuelled my passion for STEM.

– Jazibah, 2021 Participant

Although I came into the NYSF program having a fair idea of what career I wanted to pursue after school, the immersive and transformative experiences provided by the NYSF, not only reinforced and inspired my love for science, but expanded my perspectives on my career path.

– Kristen, 2021 Participant

Thank you for your help

We greatly appreciate your help in promoting the 2022 NYSF Year 12 Program through your networks. A promotional kit, including posters, flyers, social media posts, photos and captions, should make this easier and can be downloaded from www.nysf.edu.au/promoting-the-2022-nysf-year-12-program-rotary-resources.

Thanks again for supporting the NYSF and our work in connecting young people with their STEM futures. If you have any questions, please contact the Rotary District Chair Co-ordinator, Di Hall, d9650nysfchair@gmail.com or the NYSF, nysf@nysf.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



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