

APPLICATION



Instructions

1. Carefully read the information and instructions printed in this packet.
2. Be certain to include all attachments as requested.
3. Securely attach all extra documents by fastening them to the packet.
4. Include your full name on the upper left corner of all pages, including attachments.
5. Make sure all portions of the application are completed. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
6. Sign under "Part VII: Signature," located at the end of the application.
7. Return this application as soon as possible, postmarked no later than **March 2**.

Return postmarked application no later than March 2 to:
NRA • Field Operations Division • Event Services Coordinator
11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
FAX (703) 267-3743

PART I: Applicant Information

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number 1: (____) _____ Home Work Cell

Telephone Number 2: (____) _____ Home Work Cell

Email: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

***Please check your email inbox frequently for news and updates on your application.**

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Special Needs or Requirements: _____

***The YES week will be strenuous (a typical day will go from 6:00 am - 10:00 pm) and will include a lot of walking and bus transfers. Also, be aware that summer months are usually hot and humid in D.C., and many YES activities will take place outdoors. Participants will be required to take part in all YES activities.**

PART II: School Information

Applicant must currently be enrolled in an accredited or equivalent high school and **must currently be a sophomore or junior (no exceptions) with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale**, unless there are extenuating circumstances. **If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, please calculate and convert your GPA accordingly.**

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Counselor or Teacher who will act as a reference: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Current Grade: Sophomore Junior

Cumulative Grade Point Average (**unweighted**): _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____

Are there extenuating circumstances that have affected your GPA? Yes No

If yes, please explain (attach a separate sheet if needed): _____

PART III: Extracurricular Activities and Shooting Sports

Extracurricular activities, clubs, associations, offices held, awards received (attach a separate sheet if needed):

List any interests / activities in the shooting sports / Second Amendment issues or other related activities in which you have participated (attach a separate sheet if needed): _____

PART IV: Essay

Attach to this application an **original** double spaced, typed, two to three page (no longer than three pages) essay on **ONE** of the following topics. Correct spelling and grammar are expected. Credit to appropriate sources and/or bibliography must be included when applicable.

The Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights states: “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.”

- 1) Does the Second Amendment still hold the same meaning today as it did to our forefathers back 250 years ago? Is it still relevant to present day American society?
- 2) Where do you stand on the issue of gun control? Does the government have the right to step in and disarm the American people, even though the right to bear arms is one of the main principles this country was built on?
- 3) What are the pros and cons of gun control? Discuss each side thoroughly.

****Note: “Extra credit” will not be given to those applicants who turn in more than one essay.**

*****Definition of a polished essay:** A polished essay includes clear and concise sentence structure and vocabulary, unique ideas and points, and excellent grammar and spelling. This type of essay also includes points that are backed up by quotes and evidence; it includes smooth transitions and an intro that is direct and to-the-point, all while lacking subjective adjectives and wordiness, or "random babble."

PART V: Personal Statement

Attach to this application a paragraph or more explaining why you are a good candidate for this year’s YES. Please state why you should be selected, citing examples when necessary. Statement should be typed and no longer than one page.

PART VI: Transcripts

Attach official copies of transcripts. If you are home schooled, send notification of evaluation provided by the Board of Education, grades from an independent third-party source such as a licensed teacher, or grades from the student’s family. For all transcripts and evaluations, send your last two academic school years along with any grades from the present year.

PART VII: Recommendations

Please attach three letters of recommendation from any of the following: teacher, school administrator, clergy, employer, business owner, Scout or other youth group leader, community leader, politician, or outstanding member of the community. Do not use family members. Please ask them to read the attached recommendation form before writing the letter.

PART VIII: Signature

All applicants **must** sign and date the following to be considered.

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and the essay is original work written by me. I understand that knowingly fabricating any information on this application may make me ineligible to participate in the Youth Education Summit (YES) Program.

I understand that information provided on this application may be verified by the National Rifle Association of America and I authorize and request every person, firm, corporation, association, and/or agency having control of any documents, records, writings, or other information pertaining to me furnish to the NRA any and all such information the NRA believes will relate to my qualifications and/or fitness to participate in the YES program, and to permit the NRA and any of its agents or representatives to inspect, copy, or otherwise record such information.

Signature

Date

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STOP!

Before mailing or faxing, please be sure that you can answer YES to the following questions:

- I have completed the Personal Information section.
- I have completed the School Information section.
- I have completed the Extracurricular Activities section.
- I have completed an essay on one of the three listed topics in the Essay section and it is attached to the application.
- I have completed my Personal Statement and it is attached to the application.
- I have attached the required official transcripts/notification of evaluation or have requested that a copy of my official transcript be mailed to NRA directly.
- I have attached the three required letters of recommendation or have requested that the letter be faxed or mailed to NRA directly.

Return postmarked application no later than March 1st to:

National Rifle Association
Field Operations Division
ATTN: Event Services Coordinator
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

FAX (703) 267-3743 – Please include cover sheet if sending application by fax.

Youth Education Summit Recommendation Form

Student's Name _____

Date: _____

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to complete a recommendation for the current YES applicant. Letters of recommendation are an integral part of the entire YES application. Therefore, your most earnest and observational thoughts on the student's qualifications are of quite importance on this portion of the application.

We have asked that the prospective YES student give you as much time as needed to write a letter thoroughly examining and highlighting the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Please note that students will not be judged on per say weaknesses; our purpose for the letters of recommendation is to give us insight and perspective on the applicant's judgment, dependability, interpersonal skills, attitude, and initiative. We hope to gain a clearer picture of the applicant with this portion of the application, in addition his or her GPA and essay.

Please attach one letter of recommendation citing your understanding of the individual's qualifications for YES. Specific examples of behavior and acts of ambition are extremely beneficial to the applicant. Also, if it would make you feel more comfortable, feel free to mail or fax in the recommendation directly to us. The contact information is listed below. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Letter of Recommendation: Contact Information

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Company: _____

Title: _____

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