



National Youth Science Forum

INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM - NYSF 2020 YEAR 12 PROGRAM

Wednesday 27 February, 2019

Dear President of the Rotary Club of Gawler,

I am writing to encourage your Club to support all year 11 students who approach you seeking endorsement for their applications to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program in January 2020 – Australia’s only science and technology outreach program that reaches into communities all over the country, thanks to our relationship with Rotary.

In 2020, there will again be 600 places on offer. Attending NYSF is a unique opportunity for Australian students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and related disciplines. Applications are open from 1 March to 31 May to students currently in year 11. While at the program, the participants will experience 12 days of STEM related activities, designed to encourage them to continue to study in these fields, and move on to careers that are so important for Australia’s future.

In 2020, the program will run at the following dates and locations:

- Session A – Wed 1 - Sun 12 Jan 2020 – The Australian National University, Canberra
- Session B – Wed 8 - Sun 19 Jan 2020 – The University of Queensland, Brisbane
- Session C – Wed 15 - Sun 26 Jan 2020 – The Australian National University, Canberra

Application Process

Students must apply through the NYSF website www.nysf.edu.au. There is a \$60 application fee, which covers the administrative cost of the NYSF selection process. **This non-refundable fee is payable upon application submission.** Students must submit their application by 31 May 2019, so please endorse *all* applicants in a timely manner – there is no limit on the number of applicants your club can endorse. There is **no obligation** to provide funding along with endorsement to successful applicants.

Program Fee

The NYSF 2020 Year 12 Program attendance fee is \$3,150. Responding to advice from Rotary District Chairs (DC) at the NYSF DC Conference, some districts will accept applications directly from students who require no Rotary funding. Benefits to clubs include resources directed to students in genuine need, and minimising clubs' workload in processing applications. These students will not require Rotary club endorsement and will proceed directly to District Selections. Nevertheless, all students will be assessed against the same criteria once at selections. Please note that fewer students may contact your club for endorsement.

Please promptly advise students seeking endorsement of the level of funding your club can provide, so all parties (including parents) are aware of any financial obligations incurred by participating in the program. Any assistance your club can provide to successful applicants will be well-received.

Funding Assistance

NYSF has established an Equity Scholarship Fund, with contribution from Bayer, to provide at least forty (40) scholarships in 2020 valued at \$1,000 each. The Scholarship is awarded as a reduction in the Program Fee, rather than being paid directly to the successful candidate or club. We encourage you to promote this scholarship too. This is a separate application that also closes on 31 May 2019. Further details can be [found on our website](#).

Additional funding may be available through the [“Inspiring Australia–Science Engagement Programme”](#). Applications for this funding are currently *closed*. Should they open again, successful NYSF applicants *may* apply. This funding is not available to individuals only organisations, such as Rotary. Please direct any questions about this funding to the relevant government department.

If you have limited funds to support all applicants that approach your club please contact your District Chair to discuss alternative funding avenues.

Payment of Fees

Once district selections have been completed, the NYSF will send an invoice to each endorsing Rotary club, seeking payment for their successful student/s. It is the club's responsibility to pay the invoice to the NYSF. If more than one applicant from your club is selected for the NYSF, your District may be able to transfer applicants to other clubs—please discuss this option with your NYSF District Chair, who is:

Mike Stevens, d9500nysf@gmail.com, 0417 875 095

NYSF Contacting your Club

We again urge clubs to advise us of your Club's current generic email address. We are always willing to send out hard copies of brochures, but we aim to move all other communication to email. All invoices will be sent to this email address. Please advise us if this is not the best email for us to contact you by emailing nysf@nysf.edu.au

We'd also like to check your Rotary Club's mailing address that we have on file. If the following is not correct, please advise us at nysf@nysf.edu.au

Rotary Club of Gawler, PO Box 584 , Gawler, SA, 5118

The NYSF values Rotary's generous support and promotion in local communities. Over the past five years, 43% of NYSF participants have come from remote and regional Australia, no doubt thanks to the unique relationship that the NYSF holds with Rotary clubs across the country. We look forward to continuing to work with you and welcoming students from your area.

If you have any questions please contact the NYSF office on 02 6125 2777 or nysf@nysf.edu.au. You can read more about NYSF activities [on our website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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