



# NYSF YEAR 12 PROGRAM



National Youth  
Science Forum

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Applications open March - May each year

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The NYSF Year 12 Program has run for over 37 years and is one of the best-known science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) experiences in Australia for young people. It has helped over 12,000 + alumni realise life-long STEM literacy.

This youth-led, live-in program gives students a broad understanding of the diverse study and career options available in STEM. Students visit world-class facilities, participate in hands-on workshops and meet Australia's leaders in STEM.

**"NYSF has had a huge impact on my life and helped me to decide my future after school. If you are even just thinking of pursuing science as a career, if you are interested in STEM, then NYSF is an opportunity you should grab with both hands and never let go."**

- NYSF 2020 Participant

Students currently studying in Year 11 are eligible to apply via [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au)

6 March, 2019

Dear President,

### INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021 NYSF YEAR 12 PROGRAM

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 2021 – Australia's only science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) outreach program that reaches into communities all over the country, thanks to our relationship with Rotary.

In 2021, there will again be 600 places on offer. Attending NYSF is a unique opportunity for Australian students interested in STEM and related disciplines. Applications are open from early March to the end of May to students currently in Year 11. While on the program, participants will experience 10 days packed with STEM related activities and talks from top scientists. The program is designed to encourage continued study in these fields and an awareness of careers that are critical for Australia's future.

In 2021, the program will run at the following dates and locations:

- Session A – Mon 4 – Wed 13 January 2021 – The Australian National University, Canberra
- Session B – Mon 11 – Wed 20 January 2021 – The University of Queensland, Brisbane
- Session C – Mon 18 – Wed 27 January 2021 – The Australian National University, Canberra

### Application Process

Students must apply through the NYSF website [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au). There is a \$65 application fee, which covers the administrative cost of the NYSF selection process. **This non-refundable fee is paid after the student receives endorsement from a Rotary Club.** Students must submit their application by 31 May, so please endorse *all* applicants in a timely manner – there is no limit on the number of applicants your club can endorse. Similarly, there is **no obligation** to provide funding along with endorsement to those applicants who are successful.

### Program Fee

The fee to attend the NYSF 2020 Year 12 Program is \$3,250. Please advise students from the earliest time possible of the level of funding 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.

### Funding Assistance

NYSF may be offering scholarship and funding opportunities for applicants thanks to our funding partners. Applicants will be informed of available funding opportunities and will be encouraged to apply if suitable to them.

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Scholarships and funding are awarded as a reduction in the program fee, rather than being paid directly to the successful candidate or club. Further details will be promoted on the NYSF website.

Further funding may also be available through the "Inspiring Australia–Science Engagement Programme". Further information is available at <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/inspiring-australia-science-engagement/student-sponsorship>. Please note that at the time of writing this letter, applications for this funding are *closed*. Should they open again in the new financial year, successful applicants for the NYSF *may* apply. The funding is currently not available to individuals – only organisations, such as Rotary. Please direct any questions about this funding to the relevant government department.

### **NYSF Contacting your Club**

*When students apply, we will be encouraging them to provide their endorsing Club's contact details, particularly an email address. We will always be willing to send hard copies of brochures as handouts for schools or meetings but are aiming to move all other communication to email rather than post, due to the significant cost of postage. We also ask that Club's provide their correct email address to [nysf@nysf.edu.au](mailto:nysf@nysf.edu.au), if you have not already done so.*

The NYSF acknowledges and values Rotary's generous support and promotion in local communities. You may like to know that over the past five years, 35% of NYSF participants have come from remote and regional parts of 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 to welcoming students from your area.

If you have any questions, please contact the NYSF office on 02 6125 2777 or [nysf@nysf.edu.au](mailto:nysf@nysf.edu.au). You can read more about NYSF activities at <https://www.nysf.edu.au/news>.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer