

TEXAS Y.E.S. 2017

APPLICATION



DATES

March 2nd – 5th, 2017

Embassy Suites Austin Central
Austin, Texas

Instructions

1. Carefully read the information and instructions printed in this packet.
 2. This application and all attachments must be submitted electronically. All documents must be in PDF format. Be certain to include all attachments as requested, properly naming all extra documents.
 3. Name each document – Last name, First name – document name (i.e. Smith, John – Essay or Smith, John – Application)
 4. Make sure all portions of the application are completed and submitted.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
 5. You and your parent or guardian must sign under “Part VII Signature” Located at the end of application. Scan the Signature page and label, Last name, First name – Signature page.
 6. Return this application as soon as possible, no later than **January 10, 2017** via email to Texas.YES.NRA@gmail.com or contact TX YES 325-215-9425 or your Area NRA Representative, which can be found at www.friendsofnra.org. If the file is too large for 1 email, please label the emails 1 of ...; 2 of..., etc. so that we will know to match up multiple emails. We will accept physical delivery via CD, thumb drive, etc., if there are email issues, please contact TX YES for assistance.
- If you are applying for the Texas YES Program, You will not need to apply to National YES. Participants are chosen from the Texas YES qualifiers to attend the National YES Conference.

PART I: Applicant Information

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone number 1: (____) _____ Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Telephone number 2: (____) _____ Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Parent email: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Sex: _____

Name of parent/guardian with whom you reside: _____

Special needs or requirements:

PART II: School Information

Applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited or equivalent high school and **must currently be a sophomore or junior, to ensure age/grade level eligibility for National Y.E.S. consideration, with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, unless there are extenuating circumstances.**

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School counselor or teacher who will act as a reference: _____

Telephone number of school: (____) _____ Current grade: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____

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):

PART IV: Essay

Attach to this application an original double spaced, typed, two to three page (no longer than three pages) essay on the topic of **“Using knowledge gained from the Federalist Papers, written by Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, describe in your own words, how you would argue and convince today’s society that the 2nd Amendment, is vital to our Security, Safety and Freedom.”** Correct spelling and grammar is expected. Credit to appropriate sources and/or bibliography must be included when applicable and will not be counted toward your three page limit.

PART V: Transcripts

Attach official copies of transcripts, including last two academic school years along with any grades from the present year. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

PART VI: Recommendations

Please attach three completed recommendation forms 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 complete every section of the recommendation form.

PART VII: 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 the 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

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Return application postmarked no later than January 10, 2017 to: Texas.YES.NRA@gmail.com

NRA Texas YES Coordinator: Derrick Ard – (325) 215-9425 or (806) 834-3807

Note: If mailing CD, thumb drive, or other digital media, mail to:

**Texas YES
TTU Center at Junction
P.O. Box 186
Junction, Texas 76849
Att: Derrick Ard**

STOP!

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

1. I have completed the personal information section.
2. I have completed the school information section.
3. I have completed the extracurricular activities section.
4. I have completed the essay.
5. I have attached the required transcripts.
6. I have attached the three required letters of recommendation.
7. I have signed the contract.

Texas Youth Education Summit

Recommendation Form

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 supreme importance on this portion of the application.

We have asked the prospective YES student to give you as much time as needed to write a letter thoroughly examining and highlighting the applicant's strengths. Our purpose for the letter of recommendation is to give us insight and perspective on the applicant's judgment, dependability, interpersonal skill, attitude, and initiative. We hope to gain a clearer picture of the applicant by this letter, in addition to 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,

Letter of Recommendation: Contact Information

Please fill out this section if it is not already notated in your letter of recommendation. This information is kept confidential. It will not be entered into a database or sold to a third-party vendor.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Daytime phone: (_____) _____ Evening phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____