

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR THE “WEST VIRGINIA” YES PROGRAM

Arrival – Thursday, February 15 at Hotel – 12:00 noon
Departure – Sunday, February 18 at Hotel – 12 pm

Please include legible email, and telephone contact information on your application. Students who are accepted will receive a preliminary itinerary, with schedules, dress codes, and suggestions on how to prepare for the summit.

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, no later than January 31, 2018 **to:**

Contact: Rodney E Black
14 Seminole Rd
Huntington W.V. 25705

West Virginia Youth Education Summit Committee

NRA Senor Field Representative Jim Kilgore

Event Chair: Rodney Black

Co-Chairs: Bill Shank

Wanda Shank

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: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Special Needs or Requirements: _____

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)**.

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**): _____ Required GPA is 3.0 or higher

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.” Choose ONE of the following below topics for your essay.

- 1) Does the Second Amendment still hold the same meaning today as it did to our forefathers back 250 years ago? Will the current Congress and the new Commander in Chief continue to recognize the relevance of the 2nd Amendment in today’s 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 guaranteed in the Constitution?

****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: 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. Students will have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

PART VI: 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 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 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

Return application no later than January 31, 2018 to:

Event Chair: Rodney E Black
14 Seminole Rd
Huntington W.V. 25705
Phone 304 942 6225
Email: Rodneyblack2@yahoo.com

STOP!

Before mailing, 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 two listed topics in the Essay section 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 Rodney Black directly.
- I have attached the one required letters of recommendation or have requested that the letter be mailed to: Rodney Black (address below)
- I have signed the Behavior Contract

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Recommendation Form

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 honest 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 to his or her GPA and essay.

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***NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030***

Field Operations Division

Tel (703) 267-1342

Fax (703) 267-3743

**Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement
(National Youth Education Summit 2018 Participants)**

RE: West Virginia YES PROGRAM (February 15– February 18, 2018)

The undersigned Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians agree that in exchange for admission to, and participation in the National Rifle Association of America Youth Education Summit (YES), including certain lodging, certain meals, instructions, discussions and use of premises, the undersigned, on behalf of Participant and with lawful authority, agrees that:

1. Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians assume sole responsibility and liability for any and all injury and/or other damage to participant and/or participant's property. National Rifle Association of America, and/or its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants, shall not be liable for any damage to participant and/or participant's property, and participant hereby expressly releases, discharges and waives any and all claims against National Rifle Association of America, YES Staff, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants.
2. Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless National Rifle Association of America, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants against and from any and all claims, liabilities, injuries, damages, costs, losses or expenses arising out of or related to any claim brought by participant, and/or his or her parents, legal guardians and/or any third party including, but not limited to, claims relating to: the YES event, transportation, housing, meals, instructions, the use of firearms and ammunition; any escape of vapors, gases, lead or other particles including bullets and/or shot pellets; any injury whatsoever to Participant; any and all claims arising out of the transfer, receipt, assembly, handling, use, discharge, maintenance, or repair of any firearm or ammunition; any act or omission of National Rifle Association of America, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants; and shall promptly indemnify the National Rifle Association of America, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants for any and all costs, attorney's fees, expenses, damages, and liabilities incurred by them as a consequence of any proceeding brought against National Rifle Association of America, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors and servants by reason of any such claim. Participant, upon notice from National Rifle Association of America, shall defend the same at participant's expense by counsel reasonably satisfactory to National Rifle Association of America.
3. Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians hereby acknowledge and agree that they have read, understand and will at all times abide by the National Rifle Association of America, YES program rules, regulations, directions and procedures, as well as all federal, state and local laws.
4. The Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians agree and stipulate that this

Agreement and any disputes arising there under shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia or, if applicable, federal law.

5. Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians hereby acknowledge and agree that all legal proceedings relating to the subject matter of this Agreement shall be maintained exclusively in courts sitting within the County of Fairfax or the City of Alexandria in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The parties hereby consent to and subject themselves to the personal jurisdiction of such courts and agree that jurisdiction and venue for any proceeding arising here under shall lie exclusively with such courts.

6. Participant and his or her parents and/or legal guardians hereby acknowledge and agree that if all or any part of any term, provision, covenant or warranty contained in this Agreement or the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstances shall to any extent be deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term, provision, covenant, or warranty to persons, entities, or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term, provision, covenant, and warranty shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

7. The Participant and his or her parents and/or guardian acknowledged that they have been afforded an ample opportunity to carefully read and review this agreement prior to signing it. The Participant and his or her parents and/or guardian further acknowledge that their signatures constitutes the fact that they sign it, knowingly, voluntarily and free from duress, coercion or disability of any type, and after having been afforded ample opportunity to seek advice of legal counsel of their own choosing, should they so choose, prior to entering into this agreement. The Participant and his or her parents and/or guardian warrant that they have the authority to enter into this agreement from all parents and/or guardians and that they have been duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said Participant.

YES Student Signature

Date

YES Student Name (Please Print)

YES Student Age

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Name
(Please Print)

Relationship to Student

Must be signed to participate!!!

DRESS CODE SUGGESTIONS FOR West Virginia YES

CLASS A BUSINESS DRESS– for the CAPITOL

Men: Dress Shirt, Pants

Ladies: Dress Shirt, pants or skirt

CLASS B BUSINESS DRESS – for the BANQUET

Men: Casual Pants (Chinos) or

Dress Shirt, Sweater, Good Sports Shirt Loafers

Ladies: Nice Blouse, Pants, Skirt, Nice shoes

CLASS C BUSINESS DRESS – for EVERYDAY CLASSROOM

Men: School Clothing that is appropriate

Sneakers in appropriate setting

Ladies: Same as Above

GOOD GROOMING IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES

Remember to turn off Cell Phones

The West Virginia State Y.E.S. program includes:

3 nights lodging at the Hotel.

All local transportation-will be on contracted passenger vans, no public transportation will be used.

All scheduled Y.E.S. meals and snacks (if student has special dietary needs, you must contact coordinator)

All program instruction, lectures, and discussions.

All planned sightseeing, entrance fees, and excursions.

A final awards luncheon.

24 hour Chaperones

All tips and gratuities

Not included:

Travel and personal expenses to and from the capitol area.

Personal expenses (i.e. souvenirs, extra snacks)

Any additional room charges (i.e... room service)