

Northern Youth Abroad

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***Applications can also be filled out online at www.nya.ca/apply**

Application for Participation: 2024 NYA Programs (Canadian and Next Program)

Deadline to apply: November 15, 2023

Section One: Applicant's Information

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY

First Name:	Date of Birth			Gender:
	Month	Day	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
				<input type="checkbox"/> Female
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	What pronouns do you use? _____			
Last Name:	Do you have any other first or last names?			
P.O. Box:	Community:			Postal Code:
Home Phone Number:			Email address:	
Cell Phone Number:			Facebook Username:	
Best way for NYA to contact you (please check with ✓):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Through my mentor <input type="checkbox"/> Text Message				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
What language(s) do you speak?			What is the name of your parent(s) or guardian?	
On June 1st, 2024, how old will you be?				
Are you Indigenous? If yes, what are you a member of?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Akaitcho Dene First Nations		<input type="checkbox"/> NWT Métis Nation		<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Dehcho First Nations		<input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut Agreement		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gwich'in		<input type="checkbox"/> Sahtú		
<input type="checkbox"/> Inuvialuit		<input type="checkbox"/> Tłıchǫ		
I have the permission of my parent/guardian to apply to NYA Canadian Program (If selected as a participant, your parent/guardian will have to sign a permission form for you to participate).				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have permission <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not have permission				
<input type="checkbox"/> I am over 18 years old and don't need permission				

Section Two: NYA

NYA has two programs open to youth who have not done NYA before.

1. NYA Canadian Program
2. NYA Next Program

These two Programs have different goals, outcomes, and activities. They also have different travel dates and take place in different locations. Read about both programs, and think about your goals, what you want to gain from NYA, and where you think you'll be a better fit. If you want to learn more about both programs, you can go to www.nya.ca.

NYA Canadian Program

- Earn up to 9 high school credits.
- Do assignments from February-October in your home community, with the help of a Mentor.
- Travel away from home between **June 15 and August 7, 2024**.
- Live with a Host Family and another NYA Participant in a southern province.
- Volunteer 35 hours a week at a work placement.
- Learn about you culture and share with others.
- Gain independence, learn about career options, get work experience, experience life in the south.

NYA Next Program

- Earn up to 8 high school credits.
- Do assignments from February-October in your home community, with the help of a Mentor.
- Travel away from home between **July 10 and August 7, 2024**.
- Live with a group of around 16 other youth in a college dorm.
- Complete a construction class.
- Explore your own interests.
- Prepare for post-secondary and next steps.
- Experience city life, work and live as a team, explore your career and post-secondary options.

1. Which Program(s) are you applying to?

- ☐ Canadian Program
- ☐ NYA Next

If applying for both, which program would you prefer? _____

2. How did you hear about NYA?

3. What are the **three** main reasons you are applying to Northern Youth Abroad: **(only check three)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Experience a new/different culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gain work experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Qualify for the International Program | <input type="checkbox"/> High school credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for college/university | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meet new people | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

4. How do you think being an NYA Participant would help you?

5. What are your goals? What do you want to do in the future? This can be career, school, or personal.

6. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

7. Do you have any questions about any part of NYA?

Section Three: About You

1. Are you currently in school?

☐ Yes, I am in high school, in grade _____

☐ Yes, I am in post-secondary

☐ No, I graduated in the year 20_____

☐ No, I do not attend school. The last grade I completed was grade_____ in the year 20_____.

2. Are you currently working? (please check with ✓)

☐ Yes, full-time

☐ Yes, part-time

☐ No

If you answered "Yes", where are you working? _____

Please complete this question only if you are applying to the Canadian Program

3. If selected, you will be volunteering at a work placement for 35 hours per week during the summer. What type of work placement would you be interested in volunteering at? (check all that apply)

☐ Recreation

☐ In an Office

☐ Trades

☐ With Animals

☐ With Children

☐ With Elders

☐ Health/Medical

☐ Technology

☐ Artistic/Creative

☐ Travel/Tourism

☐ Cooking/Baking

☐ Customer Service

☐ Environment/Wilderness

☐ Other _____

Please complete this question only if you are applying to the Next Program

4. Why would you be a good team member as part of the NYA Next Program?

Section Four: Your Travel Experience:

Please choose one answer for each of the following.

In the past **five** years, how many times have you:

- i. Travelled outside of your home **community**? ☐ Never ☐ Once ☐ 2-5 times ☐ More than 5 times
- ii. Travelled outside of your home **territory**? ☐ Never ☐ Once ☐ 2-5 times ☐ More than 5 times
- iii. Travelled outside of **Canada**? ☐ Never ☐ Once ☐ 2-5 times ☐ More than 5 times

Please list your travel experience from the past 5 years. Include travel for school, exchange programs, family vacations, land trips etc. (use extra pages if necessary)

Where did you travel?		When was the trip? How long did you stay?	What was the trip for?	Who did you travel with?
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Have you ever lived away from home before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where did you live, for how long and why?

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Section Five: Health Information

All NYA participants and alternates have to get medical forms filled out by a doctor or a nurse before they are allowed to travel. **You may still participate in NYA with a medical or mental health issue**, but it is important for us to be aware of your medical history so we can support you when setting up your host family, work placement, and community details.

1. Rate your overall physical health: ☐ Poor ☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

2. Rate your overall emotional health: ☐ Poor ☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

3. Do you have, or have you ever had, any mental or physical health issues/conditions that could affect your participation?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please provide details (including how it could affect your participation):

You can also contact us to discuss this directly

4. Are there any supports you will need to participate and be successful in the NYA Canadian Program? Please explain

Section Six: Mentor Information

You will need a mentor to help you with your assignments, as you get ready for your summer placement.

What is a mentor?

A mentor can be any **adult** who is willing to help you with your assignments, stay on track with your work, and prepare to travel south. Mentors live in the same community as you and volunteer their time to help guide you through the program and the required assignments.

Through a series of assignments and summer work placements, participants earn up to 9 credits towards their high school diploma. The assignments are completed by the participant between January and November and will require support from the mentor during this time.

Who can be a mentor?

You can choose anyone as a mentor as long as:

- ☐ They have the time and are willing to help you with your assignments. They should be able to help you at least one hour per week, or more, between January and the beginning of June.
- ☐ They are an adult. Mentors can be teachers, NYA alumni, Recreation Coordinators, Youth Centre staff or anyone else in your community who can help you achieve your goals.
- ☐ They are someone **who does not live in the same house as you.**

Who cannot be a mentor?

- ☐ Your mother, father, sister, brother, grandparent or someone who lives in the same house as you.

Mentor Information (To be filled out by your mentor)

*Please note, if you are a Mentor who has already filled out your contact info on another application, you can leave those sections below blank and we will find your contact info.

Mentor's First Name:		Mentor's Last Name:	
How do you know the applicant:		Email address:	
P.O. Box/address:	Community:		Postal Code:
Work Phone Number:		Fax Number:	Home Phone Number (Optional):
Best way to contact you: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Phone		Signature giving consent as mentor:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the "NYA Referral Form" for this participant and submitted it to the NYA office. Referral forms are available online at www.nya.ca/apply			

Referral Forms:

Along with your application, every applicant needs to have two Participant Referral Forms filled out and sent to NYA. One needs to be filled out by your Mentor, and the second by another non-family member.

Second References Name:	Second Reference Email:
Second Reference Phone Number:	How do you know them?

Participant Referral Forms are available at www.nya.ca/apply.

STOP! Have you completed your entire application package?

Application check-list:

- ☐ My application form is completed on all eight (8) pages.
- ☐ I have chosen a Mentor and they have agreed to Mentor me.
- ☐ My Mentor will submit a **Participant Referral Form** to NYA by November 21st, 2023.
- ☐ I have selected a second person to fill out a **Participant Referral Form** for me and they will submit it to NYA by November 21st, 2023.

Their name is: _____

Their Email Address is: _____

(This is optional, but if you fill in the email address, we can send them the form)

If submitting a hard copy, please send your completed application package to



Fax: 613-232-2121



Email: nya@nya.ca

**If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail us at nya@nya.ca
or call toll-free 1-866-212-2307, or text 1-867-888-4001 .**