

## Participant Referral Form – 2026 Programs

### ABOUT NYA

Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) provides opportunities for youth living in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories to gain career skills and training, hands on work experience, leadership development, and high school credits through a cross-cultural learning and work experience in southern Canada and abroad. As a participant, each youth completes a series of assignments in their home community, attends a program orientation and de-briefing, and completes a summer placement.

For the Canadian Program summer placement, Participants live in a southern host community. While in the south they live with a host family and volunteer at a work placement for 35 hours a week. The summer travel placement is around 7 weeks long.

For the NYA Next Program, Participants live at Algonquin College in a college residence with a group of other participants, learning about their own career and education next steps while completing hands-on college classes like construction and culinary. The summer travel placement is around 4 weeks long.

**NYA offers youth an opportunity for personal growth. We are particularly committed to supporting youth who have had limited opportunities to travel outside their home communities or participate in this type of programming before.**

### PARTICIPANT REFERRAL FORM

Each NYA applicant is required to submit two ‘Participant Referral Forms’ in support of their application – one from their mentor, and one from another adult who is not an immediate family member. The referral helps determine if NYA is a good fit for the applicant while allowing us to get to know them a little bit better.

**All information is treated confidentially** and can be submitted to us online, or via fax, e-mail, or letter mail. If you run out of space, please feel free to provide additional information about the applicant on extra pages.

***Please be frank and honest in your comments so that we can develop a clear understanding of the young person being referred. Being candid about a youth’s circumstances and/or history will not disqualify someone from being chosen. It will help us ensure that we have the needed supports in place to promote each participant’s success, while protecting the well-being and safety of all involved.***

If you have any questions regarding the NYA program and would like to call in confidence to discuss, please contact the NYA office.

**We thank you for providing your time, insight and knowledge.**

***\*We encourage you to complete and submit this form online at [www.nya.ca/apply](http://www.nya.ca/apply) – fax/email submissions are also accepted \****

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Community \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be the Applicant's Mentor?  Yes  No

How do you know the Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How much support do you feel the Applicant would require to be successful?

Little to No Support    Some Support    Considerable Support    Not sure

Do you feel this Applicant is a good candidate for an NYA program? Why or why not? If selected, how do you think the Applicant will benefit? (Beyond the common need for youth from small, remote communities to have access to travel and experiential education opportunities).

What do you think the Applicant's greatest strengths and challenges are, as they might apply to this program?

**Strengths:**

**Challenges:**

How would you rate the Applicant in the following areas?

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Needs Improvement
Emotional Maturity				
Leadership Ability				
Enthusiasm & Energy				
Self Confidence				
Perseverance				
Handling Difficult Situations				
Motivation				
Handling Conflict				
Ability to Follow Rules & Expectations				
Work Ethic				

**Interpersonal Relationships:**

As you have observed this Applicant in relationships with other people, is he/she usually: *Check all that apply.*

- Cooperative
- Respected by peers
- Open to new situations
- Outgoing
- Seen as a leader
- Sensitive to others
- A team player
- Able to meet expectations
- Respectful of authority

Are there any issues or challenges that the Applicant faces or has faced that we should be aware of? If so, do you think this will affect their participation?

Is there anything else we should know about this Applicant?

Thank you! For more information, please visit [www.nya.ca](http://www.nya.ca) or call 866-212-2307

**We encourage you to access and submit this form online at [www.nya.ca/apply](http://www.nya.ca/apply)**

You can also submit this form by fax or email:

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