

# APPLICATION



**SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 2008 ~ RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

## **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, postmarked no later than **June 15th**

**Return postmarked application no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

Kirk Smith • NRA Field Representative • P.O. Box 297  
Broadway, NC 27505  
FAX (919) 258-3346

## PART I: Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number 1: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Cell

Telephone Number 2: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Cell

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 freshman or sophomore (no exceptions) with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale**, unless there are extenuating circumstances. **If your school does not use a 4.0 scale, please calculate and convert your GPA accordingly.**

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**): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Are there extenuating circumstances that have affected your GPA?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain (attach a separate sheet if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART III: Extracurricular Activities and Shooting Sports

Extracurricular activities, clubs, associations, offices held, awards received (attach a separate sheet if needed):

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **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.”**

- 1) Does the Second Amendment still hold the same meaning today as it did to our forefathers back 250 years ago? Is it still relevant to present day American 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 this country was built on?
- 3) What are the pros and cons of gun control? Discuss each side thoroughly.

**\*\*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: Personal Statement**

Attach to this application a paragraph or more explaining why you are a good candidate for this year’s YES. Please state why you should be selected, citing examples when necessary. Statement should be typed and no longer than one page.

#### **PART VI: 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.

#### **PART VII: 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 VIII: 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

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## **STOP!**

**Before mailing or faxing, 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 three listed topics in the Essay section and it is attached to the application.
- I have completed my Personal Statement 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 NRA directly.
- I have attached the three required letters of recommendation or have requested that the letter be faxed or mailed to NRA directly.

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FAX (919) 258-3346 – Please include cover sheet if sending application by fax.

**Youth Education Summit**  
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**Recommendation Form**

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 earnest 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 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.

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**Letter of Recommendation: Contact Information**

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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