



## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is open to current Junior and Senior high or home schooled students that attended an MOWW Youth Leadership Conference or Seminar.

Students are nominated by their MOWW Youth Leadership Event Director or by their local MOWW Chapter.

Nominated students should submit their application to their local MOWW Region Commander no later than March 15, 2026.

Selected students will be notified via email on March 30, 2026.

## STUDENT SAFETY

Students and chaperones will be housed on a single floor of one co-ed dormitory on the American University campus. All NYCS Chaperones will be required to complete a background check.

American University has its own Police Department with 24-hour security, help desks and staff available 24/7.

Students and chaperones will be transported using a private charter bus during the NYCS.

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# **NATIONAL YOUTH CIVICS SUMMIT**

JULY 12-18, 2026  
Washington, D.C.

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## NYCS BASIC INFORMATION

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), in partnership with the MOWW Foundation, conducts an annual 7-day National Youth Civics Summit (NYCS) in Washington, D.C.

The NYCS is a student-only event with all expenses paid for travel, meals, room, and board. Purchase of any miscellaneous items will be at the student's own expense.

American University facilities located in Washington, D.C. will be the student's and chaperone's overnight location.

The 2026 NYCS will include 20 students and 6 chaperones.

## NYCS PURPOSE

The NYCS is a non-partisan event, designed to give students a unique opportunity to engage with politicians and observe high-ranking appointed officials in action around Capitol Hill. This includes visits to institutions like the Supreme Court, the Defense Department, the State Department, and various other U.S. government agencies. Students will take guided tours of the many significant monuments, participate in a simulated classes and engage in many other leadership-building activities.

## THE NYCS SCHEDULE WILL COVER:

- The establishment and evolution of our government over the last 237 years, and how it carries out the people's business in the 21st century.
- A day on Capitol Hill, including a meeting with at least one member of the U.S. Congress.
- Hands-on exploration of the three branches of government—Legislative, Judicial, and Executive
- Exploration of significant American history sites near D.C., such as the National Constitution Center and Fort McHenry.
- A visit to the Pentagon, including a Department of Defense briefing.
- Visits to D.C. area college campuses for tours, information on admissions, ROTC scholarships and U.S. Service Academy selection.
- A visit to Arlington National Cemetery, major national memorials, and parts of the Smithsonian Institution.



## MOWW'S HISTORY OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The NYCS continues the legacy of the MOWW's Youth Outreach Programs that have enhanced our American Leadership, Patriotism, and the Free Enterprise System strengths in America's Schools for decades. It aims to reinforce the importance of civics in both education and life, providing our future leaders with a deeper understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a civil society.



Established in 1919, the Military Order of the World Wars is a patriotic, nonpartisan, Veterans Service Organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, civic responsibility, public service, and leadership in our nation's communities.