

Navy Child and Youth Programs
2016 Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP) Application

INTRODUCTION

Since 2011, the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program, or SCSP, has provided Navy teens with specialty camps that promote healthy, lifelong hobbies and provide teens with opportunities to reduce stress and stay active over the summer. Whether you are selected to backpack through Europe or learn how to scuba dive, we are sure that you will have the summer of a lifetime!

Each year we receive hundreds of applications from teens vying for a chance to experience SCSP. And each year, a lucky few are selected to go to camp. Nevertheless, we receive a great deal of feedback from teens and parents and Navy CYP looks for ways to continually improve SCSP. So, before you begin filling out the application, I will highlight the improvements for 2016.

Character References – This will be the first year that each teen is required to submit a character reference with their application. We have added this item to the application because we hope teens will use SCSP as an opportunity to identify the positive adult figures in their lives that know them best and can assist them in the future when it is time to start looking for a job, accessing the military, or going on to college. This new requirement is entirely intended for teens to strengthen their relationship with positive adult figures and for the judging panel to have a better idea of who are applicants really are. It's a win-win!

Extra Credit – Just like last year, we have a short survey for each teen to fill out before, during, or after submitting their application. The survey does give each teen a few extra credit points, which could be the difference in being selected to go to camp or not. All of the questions are simple and are intended for the Navy to improve our programs for teens.

Frequently Asked Questions – You and your parents are going to have a lot of questions about SCSP. So, after you read over the application and review the camp brochure, please check out the *Frequently Asked Question* section.

Helpful Hints – There is really no better way to help you apply for SCSP than by giving you the advice of previous teens that were selected. Check out the *Helpful Hints* section for details.

Social Media – Since SCSP is a teen program, a good deal of SCSP will be communicated on social media. We typically post something every Thursday/Friday and we're always monitoring the inbox and newsfeed for questions. Feel free to like our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter.

That's it! Good luck with your application and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Brent A. Edwards
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ELIGIBILITY

SCSP participants must:

- Be a dependent of Navy active-duty, active-duty Navy Reserve, Wounded Warrior, or Navy Gold Star personnel:
 - Dependents of single or dual active-duty are eligible,
 - Dependents of single or dual Guard/Reserve on orders are eligible,
 - Dependents of single or dual mobilized Guard/Reserve on orders are eligible ,
 - Dependents of combat-related Wounded Warriors are eligible,
 - Surviving dependents of a combat-related manner of death are eligible,
 - Dependents of Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps are only eligible if stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, or Anderson Air Force Base.
- Be between 13-17 years old by May 1, 2016,
- Have a minimum 3.0 accumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale),
- Have a passport that is valid for six (6) months after the return trip home (if traveling internationally). The passport must be valid at the time of application.

Eligibility Explained

SCSP is an extraordinary opportunity to the Navy's extensive network of installation-based Youth Programs. As such, limited scholarships are made available. Therefore, Navy leadership has specifically made SCSP available to the Navy families that are identified as our highest priority. All other Navy teens are encouraged to access their local Youth Programs for summer camp opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must email the below to navyteenscsp@navy.mil by April 8, 2016 at 11:59pm CST:

- A word processed SCSP application (*below*),
- A photo copy/scan of the sponsor's eligibility documentation:
 - For active-duty, guard, or reserve, please provide a military I.D. card or orders,
 - For Navy Gold Star, please provide a DD1300.
- A photo copy/scan of the applicant's school transcript detailing the accumulative GPA,
- A word processed, signed character reference.

All applicants will be notified of their selection or elimination by April 30, 2016 via email.

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FAMILY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

If selected for SCSP, each family is responsible for funding the following items:

SCSP participants must fund:

- **Airline Unaccompanied Minor (UM) fees.** Sponsors can elect for their teen to travel as an Unaccompanied Minor or Independent. If traveling as an Unaccompanied Minor, families are responsible for the Unaccompanied Minor fees,
- **Airline luggage fees** (not to include excess bag fees) to/from camp. *Please note that participants that attend camps that require travel/trekking backpacks, will utilize their backpacks for the sole transportation of all personal/camp belongings (no additional luggage is allowed),*
- **Travel day meals** to/from camp,
- All **personal expenses** as detailed in the SCSP brochure,
- **Ground transportation** to/from home to the home airport of record, and
- **Airport parking fees** (long term or economy parking only) at the home airport of record.

Please note that many of the above items are reimbursed to the Navy family

NAVY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES & REIMBURSEMENTS

The Navy is responsible for directly funding:

- **Commercial airfare** to/from camp and the home airport of record,
- **Camp registration,**
- **Camp lodging,**
- **Camp meals** to include breakfast, lunch, and dinner,
- Miscellaneous **camp equipment insurances,**

The Navy will reimburse each SCSP participant for the following:

- **Airline Unaccompanied Minor fees,**
- **Airline luggage fees** (not to include excess bag fees) to/from camp,
- **Travel day meals** to/from camp in accordance with official FY16 per diem rates,
- **Ground transportation** to/from home to the home airport of record. Specifically, commercial taxi or shuttle fees OR roundtrip mileage and associated toll fees. *If a participant elects to drive to camp, the Navy will only reimburse the participant the difference in the price of a commercial airline itinerary.*
- **Airport parking fees** (long term or economy parking only) at the home airport of record.

All participants must enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Participants will be reimbursed 21 days after receipts and associated paperwork is provided to the Navy.

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PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS)

If a family is experiencing a PCS during the designated camp dates, sponsors can select a different return airport. However, for the safety of all teens, the Navy is not authorized to provide early arrival to camp or late departure from camp due to PCS.

INCLUSION POLICY

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) is an inclusion-based organization. Inclusion is an attitude and a philosophy that welcomes and supports all children. Inclusion is a belief in every person's inherent right to participate fully in society. Inclusion conveys the idea that we appreciate each child, that we see each child's gifts, and that we value children of all abilities being together. Inclusive programs are communities where children with and without disabilities live, learn, and play together. The goal of inclusion in Navy CYP is to support the participation of children with and without disabilities in child and youth activities and programs. Children with and without disabilities are respected as contributing members and participate in all aspects of Navy CYP. CYP professionals make respectful accommodations so that all children can be successful in Navy child development centers, child development homes, school age care, and youth and teen programs.

APPLICATION SCREENING PROCESS & DISQUALIFIERS

All applications are thoroughly screened by a panel of judges. The majority of application scores are awarded to applicants who possess essays with personal content, correct grammar, and punctuation as well as strong, positive character references. Disqualifiers include: missing information, ineligibility, late delivery, hand written applications/character references, and narratives that appear to be completed by someone other than the applicant.

MEDIA RELEASE

By participating in the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program, all families hereby consent to Command Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP), Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Navy Marketing, their agents and employees, and commercial sponsors of this event, if any, the right and permission to use, reuse, and/or survey feedback, publish photographic, audio, and video graphic materials of my legal dependent while participating in the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP) media acquisition. All families hereby waive the right to inspect and/or approve the survey feedback, photograph, audiotape, and/or video captures. All families further agree that those who act on behalf of Navy Marketing may transfer, use or cause to be used the survey feedback, photographs, audio and/or video captures for promotional, recruiting, or educational purposes, share with commercial sponsors, without any limitation, reservation, or compensation, other than the receipt of which is hereby given. All media is the sole property of the government.

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BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- Participants must show respect to all staff members, volunteers, peers, camp property and equipment at all times. Any willful destruction of property will result in disciplinary action.
- Participants must listen and follow staff instructions promptly.
- Foul, abusive, or unkind language will not be tolerated.
- Stealing, fighting, arguing, and name-calling will result in disciplinary action.
- Participants will be immediately sent home if in possession of weapons, drugs, or alcohol.
- Participants will be reminded to clean up after themselves.
- If selected, participants are responsible for reviewing and acquiring all items on the packing list.
- Dress should be clean, appropriate, and non-offensive. Casual attire can be worn during down/personal/recreational time.
- Participants are responsible for carrying their possessions (including money). Participants are recommended to retain proof-of-purchase when returning with souvenirs.
- Participants are responsible for using personal cell phones, tablets, and laptops appropriately and at the discretion of staff.
- Participants must contact a staff member during a conflict, injury, or if in need of assistance.
- All participants are supervised 100% of the time. If given a group meeting time/place, participants must report on time. Participants will be asked to “check-in” frequently with staff if separated.
- In the event of an emergency, participants must report to the designated meeting location.
- Participants are encouraged to get enough sleep every night and abide by the designated curfew.
- Participants must be prompt for all sessions, meals, and meetings.
- If participants have any questions or would like to communicate any disagreement, they will do so appropriately and maturely with camp staff or the Navy point-of-contact.

MISCONDUCT

By completing the SCSP application, all participants are required and agree to adhere to the Navy Teen Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP) Behavior Expectations. Participant misconduct can result in the withdrawal of the participant from this program and future program ineligibility. If participants become a safety or behavioral risk to self or others, the participant may be transported home early at the expense of the sponsor.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I have to submit an official school transcript? What if I am homeschooled?

A: We will accept official or unofficial transcripts, progress reports, and report cards as long as they reflect an accumulative GPA. Homeschooled teens must obtain and submit a transcript from their umbrella school/institution or reporting agency.

Q: What if my passport is expired at the time of application? Can I submit my passport information at a later date? What if I am only interested in stateside camp locations?

A: Valid passports must be submitted at the time of application. If an applicant does not submit a valid passport at the time of application, the teen will remain eligible for stateside camps ONLY. If an applicant lives stateside and only wants to apply for stateside camps, a passport is not required.

Q: Who can complete my character reference? What must it include?

A: Character references can be completed by anyone that knows the applicant with the exception of a family member. Suggested references may include, but are not limited to: school personnel (guidance counselor, teacher, club advisor), sports coach, church pastor, employer, etc. Character references must include the referrer's contact information, relation to applicant, opinion/examples of the applicant's character, and the signature of the character reference. Character references may not exceed a single (1) page.

Q: How many scholarships will be awarded? How are scholarships awarded? What are my chances of being selected?

A: Approximately 25 teens attend each camp. So, approximately 150 teens will be given scholarships this summer. Applications are simply based on the merit. A team of professionals score every application on selected criteria. In 2015, 400 applications were received and 140 scholarships were awarded. That's approximately a 35% chance of being selected.

Q: Is there a cost to attend the camps?

The Navy covers approximately 99% of the cost for teens to attend each camp. However, each camp may require the family to fund items that the Navy is not authorized to reimburse. For example, the hiking boots required to attend the OAC Euro Camp become the teen's property after the camp. All estimated personal costs are included in the SCSP brochure.

Q: Who will be supervising me at these camps? Can my parents be a chaperone?

The Navy takes great care in designing SCSP. All teens are supervised by fully trained and experienced Navy CYP professionals 100% of the time. Considering the time and effort the professionals put into SCSP, we consider them to be some of our very best! Parent chaperones are not needed as every camp is fully staffed.

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Q: What happens if my sponsor becomes ineligible after I apply or am selected for SCSP?

A teen must simply be eligible for SCSP at the time of application. If the sponsor becomes "ineligible" after the teen has applied or has been selected, we simply make that summer the teen's final summer of eligibility (unless the sponsor becomes eligible again).

Q: Can I apply for more than one camp?

Yes, we encourage every teen to rank their camp preferences. However, 13-14 year olds can only apply and be selected for Sail Annapolis. Ultimately, a teen can only be selected to attend one camp.

Q: How must I submit my application? Can I submit my essays as attachments? Can my school/character reference send my documents directly?

It is recommended to email the SCSP application, eligibility documentation, GPA verification, and character reference in a single email. This decreases the likelihood of missing information (which remains the fault of the applicant). However, some schools may require the direct emailing of transcripts (hence the allowance of unofficial transcripts). All documents must be emailed to navyteenscsp@navy.mil. Physically mailed applications, faxes, and online shared documents (e.g. Google Docs) are NOT acceptable. Essays cannot be submitted as separate attachments, applicants must use the standard application to ensure consistency and fairness.

Q. For the OAC Euro Camp, do I have to submit my sports physical with my application?

No, do not submit your sports physical with your application. The sports physical is only required upon camp selection. All sports physicals must have been conducted in the past 12 months.

Q. Where is the brochure and application located?

Brochure <https://elibrary.cnic-n9portal.net/document-library/?documentlibraryaction=view&id=1121>

Application <https://elibrary.cnic-n9portal.net/document-library/?documentlibraryaction=view&id=1120>

HELPFUL HINTS

The below feedback was provided by previous year applicants (teens):

"Weekend mornings are the best time to write and re-write the essays because you have less distractions. Everything else like age, grade, etc. was simple."

"I had my best friend, parents, favorite teacher, youth pastor, and soccer coaches review my application before submitting it. I think it really helped strengthen my application with their feedback."

"When I found out about SCSP, I didn't have a valid passport, so I waited to submit my application until a few days before the deadline. It made me nervous, but I just focused on my application and my parents took care of getting me a passport."

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APPLICATION

MARKETING			
How did you hear about SCSP? Mark all that apply.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teen Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/> Television	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio

TEEN INFORMATION	
First Name:	
Middle Name or "NMN":	
Last Name:	
Gender (Male or Female):	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	Month Day Year
Mailing Address or APO/FPO:	
Mailing Address Cont:	
City/Town:	
State/Province:	
Zip/Postal Code (9 digits):	
Country:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
School Grade Completed:	
Accumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale):	
2016-2017 School Start Date:	
Are you currently employed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, seasonally <input type="checkbox"/> No, unemployed
Community Service Hours This Year:	
Shirt/Jacket Size: (US Sizing Chart):	
Trouser Size (US Sizing Chart):	

TRAVEL INFORMATION	
Home Airport:	
Return Airport:	
<i>Passport Information (Required for overseas travelers ONLY)</i>	
Passport #:	
Passport Country:	
Passport Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	Month Day Year

SPONSOR (PARENT) INFORMATION	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Base/Installation:	
Military Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Wounded Warrior <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty Guard/Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Navy Gold Star
Branch of Service:	
PCS Date (If known):	
Deployed? (Y/N):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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EXTRA CURRICULARS			
Tell us about what you do in your free time? (e.g. Extra-curricular activities) (Max 500 characters)			
NAVY YOUTH PROGRAMS INFORMATION			
Are you registered with a Military Youth/Teen Center?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, what is the name of your Military Youth/Teen Center Director?			
If yes, how many days per week do you stop by your Military Youth/Teen Center?			
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-1 Days/week <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 days/week <input type="checkbox"/> 4+ days/week			
If yes, are you the current or former Military Youth of the Year for your installation?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am the <u>current</u> Military Youth of the Year			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am a <u>former</u> Military Youth of the Year			
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I have never been selected as my installation's Military Youth of the Year			
CAMP SELECTIONS			
If selected, which camp would you like to attend? Please rank all camps. During selections, if your most preferred choice(s) are unavailable, we will place you in the next preferred camp. If you are not old enough to select certain camps, please mark "n/a." 1 = Most Preferred, 6 = Least Preferred			
Camp Information	Dates	Age Requirement	Ranking
Hike Hawaii	17 June - 1 July	15-17 year-olds	
Tour d' Italy	17 June - 1 July	15-17 year-olds	
Sail Annapolis	11-20 July	13-15 year-olds	
Explore Japan	12-26 July	15-17 year-olds	
Scuba Dive Florida	17-30 July	15-17 year-olds	
OAC Euro Camp	19 July - 2 August	15-17 year-olds	
ESSAY #1			
How do you anticipate this camp experience will affect you and what are your expectations for camp? (1,500 characters max)			
ESSAY #2			
How has being a part of a military family impacted your life? (1,500 characters max)			
HOW TO APPLY			
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EXTRA CREDIT SURVEY			
Would you like to earn EXTRA CREDIT on your SCSP Application? After you complete your SCSP application, complete the short survey at http://v2.decipherinc.com/survey/selfserve/1c8d/160203?list=1 . The completion of this survey could make the difference in your selection to SCSP!!!			
POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION			

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