

NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY SUMMIT



How can young people step up to communicate and compromise across difference in an effort to address pressing national challenges? This week-long *National Youth Policy Summit* equips students with the tools and knowledge to become catalysts for change in their communities.

Students will come together for six days in Washington, DC, to research and understand the characteristics and causes of pressing national issues, consider the value of deliberation, develop a cohesive Youth Agenda for Action, and meet with public officials to advocate for their agenda. In partnership with Stanford's *Center for Deliberative Democracy*, students will have the opportunity to learn about the value of deliberation and participate in a large-scale deliberation on a broad national issue.

Program Details

In this week-long program, led by Close Up faculty, students will:

- Network with a diverse group of their peers from across the country;
- Hear inspiring stories from young activists on strategies and models of advocacy and activism;
- Deepen their understanding of national issues and root causes;
- Participate in a program-wide deliberation led by Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy;
- Work in small groups to create meaningful solutions and craft policy proposals; and
- Present their national proposals to decisionmakers on Capitol Hill.

Dates: Monday, June 20 - Saturday, June 25, 2022

Location: The *National Youth Policy Summit* will take place in a Washington, DC, metropolitan area hotel.

Eligibility

Students who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with an interest in current events, government, and/or public policy. We strongly recommend students attend a prior Close Up [event](#) or [program](#) before the start of the Summit.

Those who are eligible may also join the Advanced Institute for Deliberative Democracy the following week, June 26-July 1.

Tuition

\$2,500 per student covers all program components, lodging, and student meals. For an additional fee, Close Up may be able to book your transportation to and from DC.

Application Process

Please [apply here](#). The Early Decision deadline is March 1, 2022 and space is limited. Close Up and Stanford's Center for Deliberative Democracy are committed to equity and inclusion; please contact us for financial aid information.

Note: *This program is a pre-collegiate enrichment program and does not qualify for college credit. After the conclusion of the program, participants will receive a certificate of completion.*

About Us

The [Close Up Foundation](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education organization dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to become informed, active, and engaged citizens. Each year, Close Up helps thousands of students and teachers across the nation engage in civil discourse and take informed action in their communities.