



2017 National Young Astronomer Award (NYAA) Application Form

To recognize the outstanding research achievements of high school age astronomers, the Astronomical League has established the National Young Astronomer Award.

Eligibility:

United States citizens 14-19 years of age and not enrolled in college are eligible to apply for this award. Foreign students of the same age are eligible if they are enrolled in a United States secondary school on the date of the application deadline.

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY ON THE INSTRUCTION SHEET THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS APPLICATION FORM.

Are two or more members of a research team entering as a team project _____, or is this the project of an individual _____ (please check one) (See bottom of second page.)

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone number: _____ Email: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Parents' Names _____ Email: _____

School Information:

If the nominee is enrolled in high school, please provide:

Name of School: _____ Grade in School: _____
School Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone number of School: _____

Media Information:

Name of the local newspaper: _____
Phone number and webpage address of local newspaper: _____

Sponsor Information:

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____
Name/Title: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone number: _____ Email: _____

If you are a member, please list the name of your Astronomical League astronomy club or Member at Large status:

The sponsor should be a teacher, counselor, or astronomy club officer.

The deadline for the 2016 award is January 31, 2017.

More specific information and suggestions regarding content of potential NYAA entries is available at <http://www.astroleague.org/>. For more information regarding the award, please email NYAA@astroleague.org.

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTION SHEET (PAGE 2) AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY.

**NATIONAL YOUNG ASTRONOMER AWARD (NYAA)
2017 INSTRUCTION SHEET (PAGE 2)
PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY!**

1. Submit the entry packet consisting of the nominee's research report and this nomination form in electronic format (adobe acrobat pdf files) to NYAA@astroleague.org.
2. Submit a photo of the nominee, preferably in an astronomical setting in jpg format to NYAA@astroleague.org. Photos showing the winning nominees may appear in the Reflector, on the Astronomical League website, or on the Astronomical League Facebook page.
3. **If electronic submission is not an option**, please send an email regarding this to NYAA@astroleague.org, then mail four entry packets by way of the postal service to NYAA, Astronomical League, 9201 Ward Parkway, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64114. (It must be postmarked on or before January 31.)
4. Only one project per applicant, please.
5. The nominee's work should be original research and your sources should be well-documented in a generally accepted format.
6. **If the nominee's project was conducted as part of a team effort, the nominee's contribution must be clearly indicated.** Not doing so may adversely affect the judging.
7. The nominee can not be enrolled in college at the time of the nomination.
8. Please refer to the previous year's first place finisher's project as an example. This is posted on the Astronomical League website www.astroleague.org.
9. **The deadline for submitting the entry is January 31, 2017.** If sent electronically, it must be received by the Astronomical League National Office by that date, or, if mailed through the postal service, the postmark must be on or before that date.
10. Winning entries will be announced on the Astronomical League website, www.astroleague.org.
11. Judges decisions are final.

Entry by two or more members of a research team:

1. Team members must select a leader.
2. If the team wins, only the leader will be given an expense paid trip to the AL event.
3. Any prizes will be given to the team leader. It will be left to the team to determine their dispositions.