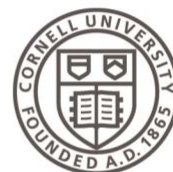




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Thank you for your interest in the New York Youth Institute on March 20, 2026! We aim to ensure equitable participation for students from all parts of New York State.

Due to growing demand and limited capacity, if registration exceeds the event's limit, a selection process will be used. This process will prioritize factors such as regional diversity across NY State, upper grade levels, and access for students from underrepresented areas. Juniors and seniors will be given priority, while younger students or those from regions already well represented may be waitlisted.

If registration remains below capacity, all students will be accepted without the need for a selection process.

Waitlisted students will be encouraged to join one of the four 2026 World Food Prize Foundation Virtual Youth Institutes. These virtual programs are open to all students, regardless of registration status. Students waitlisted for the in-person Cornell event will also receive priority consideration for next year's event.

To help us manage this process and support all participants effectively, teachers and other mentors are encouraged to share expected registration numbers as early as possible. This will assist with planning and help us identify participating students sooner, ensuring they receive the time and guidance needed as they prepare their Global Challenge papers.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and support, and we look forward to having you as part of the NY Youth Institute!

A note to mentors: We appreciate the support and enthusiasm of mentors (teachers, coaches, parents) who wish to accompany students. As the event is designed primarily for students, space for mentors may be limited during some sessions. Please be sure to register so we can plan accordingly; unregistered mentors may not be able to join the day's activities. We will do our best to accommodate as many mentors as capacity allows.



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