

## Youth on the Air Camp 2026 Application Period Opened



*The application period for the sixth camp for young amateur radio operators in North, Central, and South America is now open at [YouthOnTheAir.org](https://YouthOnTheAir.org).*

UNION, Kentucky, December 1, 2025—Applications are now being accepted for campers interested in attending Youth on the Air Camp. Licensed amateur radio operators ages 15 through 25 who want to attend are encouraged to apply online at [YouthOnTheAir.org](https://YouthOnTheAir.org). The camp is scheduled to take place June 14-19, 2026, in Huntsville, Alabama, United States of America.

For the best chance at being selected, applications should be submitted by 2359Z on January 15, 2026. Campers will be selected by the working group and notified by February 1. To encourage attendance from across the Americas, allocations for campers are being held open for various areas of North, Central, and South America. If countries do not use their allocation or should someone within an allocation decline acceptance, those positions will be filled from the remaining pool of applicants. As this will be an ongoing process, everyone will not receive notification of acceptance at the same time. Preference will be given to first time attendees.

Applications will continue to be accepted through May 1.

The application process is FREE. A \$100 USD deposit is required upon acceptance. Should a potential camper be unable to pay the \$100 deposit, he or she may apply for a scholarship or waiver. Campers are also responsible for their own arrival and departure transportation to the camp location. Travel assistance may also be available, especially for those traveling from outside of the USA and Canada. Travel during camp events is provided.

Up to 50 campers will be accepted. Priority will be given to first-time attendees and youth residing outside of the USA. Only a limited number of returning attendees will be accepted and must serve as leaders during the camp. Leaders will be selected based on staffing needs to facilitate this years' session choices.

Potential campers that reside outside of the USA are encouraged to begin the process of obtaining the necessary passport (and appointment to obtain a tourist VISA, where applicable) NOW, as processing times may extend into several months.

For details about the camp, visit the camp web page at [YouthOnTheAir.org](http://YouthOnTheAir.org).

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