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MEMORANDUM
22 September 2021

For: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister**
Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division Youth Formation Coordinators
School Heads
All Others Concerned

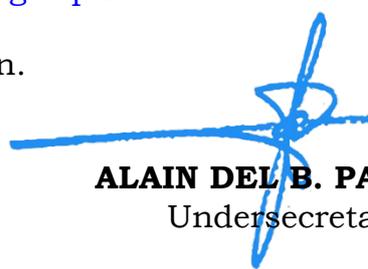
Subject: **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE**
STEP SUNBURST YOUTH CAMP (SYC) 2021

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) is **calling for applications to the STEP Sunburst Youth Camp (SYC) 2021**. This program is specifically looking for learners inclined in the visual or performing arts and willing to represent the country.

Interested learners may fill out the attached application form and submit the same to blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph with the subject name "SYC2021_Application_Region." The deadline of application is on **28 September 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** For details on the program and guidelines for application, please refer to **Annex A** and **Enclosure 1**.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Hanz Denzil Villahermosa, Senior Technical Assistant III of the BLSS-YFD, through 0906 419 7577 or email at hanz.villahermosa@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate and appropriate action.


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Undersecretary



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Annex A

STEP Sunburst Youth Camp (SYC)

Showcase: 22 November to 15 December 2021

Invitation for Nominations

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), with the support of Temasek Foundation, is pleased to host the STEP Sunburst Youth Camp 2021. This is a program for Singaporean pre-university students and their ASEAN peers. Collaborating with the oldest art institution in Singapore – NAFA, the program is designed to focus on interaction through the arts, enabling participants to learn about Asian culture through intensive projects, activities, and collaboration.

About STEP Sunburst Youth Camp (SYC)

STEP SYC 2021 is supported by Temasek Foundation under its STEP series of youth programs. The programs cover areas of interest that include science and technology, entrepreneurship and innovation, culture and heritage, livability and sustainability, and leadership across sectors. One of the key programs under STEP is STEP SYC 2021.

STEP SYC gathers youth leaders from ASEAN and guest countries. In the last program in 2019, we reached out to 150 student leaders from ASEAN, China, India and Timor Leste. The participants were given the platform to discover self-learning through peer bonding and collaborative activities and be advocates of the heritage preservation of their respective countries. The most important outcome of this camp will be networking and building long-term ties with fellow young leaders of this region.

The 2 goals of the program are:

1. to build bridges amongst Singaporean and Asian youth, share about Asia's diversity through cultural experience in performing, visual and literary arts and extending their friendship beyond the program; and
2. to discover self-learning through peer bonding and collaborative experience as ambassadors by sharing heritage experience through program activities and be advocates of heritage preservation and continuance.

The COVID-19 situation has affected us in many ways. We believe that it has also opened new ways of connecting and collaborating. STEP SYC 2021 will show the resilience of our youths in continuing with the program. **This edition of STEP SYC will be focused on literary arts and its inspiration on all other art forms. Participants can bring in a text or short story from their country and create works based on or responding to it.**

Important Dates

The STEP SYC program will take place in three phases over the following dates:

Pre-Camp Activities: 22-27 November 2021 (Online team bonding activities, sharing, webinars and confirmation of showcase items)

Collaborative Activities: 28 November - 10 December 2021 (Participants to create art works and collaborate with mentors and other youth participants)

Showcase: 12-15 December 2021 (Combination of live and online presentations)



Eligibility Criteria

The selection criteria for youth participants are the following:

1. Participants should be between 17 and 19 years old,
2. demonstrate academic excellence,
3. assume leadership positions in the school,
4. be active in co-curricular or non-academic school activities,
5. possess good interpersonal and communication skills,
6. be able to commit fully to the program,
7. be able to commit to pre-camp preparatory work,
8. be able to be a good ambassador of the country,
9. be physically fit for any physical activities planned,
10. be participating for the first time in the STEP program, and
11. have a good command of English (in speaking and writing).

Note: Stable internet connection is required for the virtual camp.

Application Process:

1. Only four (4) delegates will be chosen to represent the country in the SYC Camp 2021. (1 – Luzon, 1 – Visayas, 1 – Mindanao, 1 – NCR)
2. The student must be 17-19 years old and must be currently enrolled in School Year 2021-2022.
3. Regions/Divisions may send multiple applications to the program.
4. The deadline of application is on **28 September 2021 at 5 p.m.**
5. Submit the application form in **PDF format** through email at blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph with the subject “SYC2021_Application_Region.”
6. **Wait for the confirmation email/text from the Youth Formation Division for the scheduled Zoom interview on 29 September 2021.**





Region: _____
 Division: _____

BASIC INFORMATION

Full Name:

Surname	First Name	Middle Name	Name Extension (Jr, Sr, III)
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Home Address:

Age:

Date of Birth:

Name of School:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Teacher Adviser: _____ Contact Number: _____

Email Address of Teacher Adviser: _____

SKILLS/TALENTS

Describe yourself (max. 100 words):

Skills/ Talents:

Awards/ Achievements/ Distinctions Received:

ESSAY

Why do you wish to apply for the STEP Sunburst Youth Camp (SYC) 2021? (250 words)

ATTACHMENTS

You may attach artworks, links of videos of performance/s, photos of awards received, etc.

I hereby certify upon my honor that all facts and information indicated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further declare that any information given that proves to be untrue may constitute a ground for disqualification in the application. Further, I subscribe and agree that the Department of Education has the sole prerogative to select the delegates, and that their decision is final and executory.

In witness hereof, I am executing and signing this statement voluntarily and without compulsion.

Signature over Printed Name



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