



Frequently Asked Questions

What is NCCJ ANYTOWN?

NCCJ ANYTOWN is a nationally recognized and award-winning diversity, leadership, and social justice program for youth ages 14-18. This 6-day residential experience brings together 70+ youth from across Western Massachusetts and Connecticut to engage in interactive games, workshops, and discussions exploring topics such as: prejudice, discrimination, liberation and community building.

Where is NCCJ ANYTOWN located? NCCJ ANYTOWN is located at The Hemlocks Center in Hebron, CT, a beautiful location on 160 acres, with a pond, pool, basketball court and endless walking trails. This is the place to be in the middle of summer! To learn more about the camp, go to: <http://www.hemlockscenter.org/>

What can I do to make my application stand out? Be honest! As much as we value the professional and extra-curricular activities that you, as an applicant, bring to the table, we are more interested in learning about who you are, why you want to come to NCCJ ANYTOWN, what you hope to get out of it, and what you want to do with your learning after NCCJ ANYTOWN. Tell us about yourself!

Is the information that I provide on the application confidential? Yes. Only the NCCJ ANYTOWN Directors and NCCJ Youth Action Coalition (YAC) interns look at the applications.

How will I be notified if I have been accepted into the program or not? You will receive an email (at the email address you provide on your application) notifying you of your acceptance by May 18th, 2018.

How do I know what to bring to NCCJ ANYTOWN? If you are accepted into the program, you will receive an "Acceptance Packet" through email (at the email address you provide on your application) that will include additional forms, a list of suggested things to bring, bus schedules and lots more information.

What kind of food will we get? The Hemlocks Center has a full-service kitchen that prepares meals for breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack. Each meal includes options for those who have dietary restrictions. You will be able to let us know if you have any food allergies or other specifications once you have been accepted into the program.

I'm nervous to come by myself. Will I be able to make friends? Absolutely! Most of the delegates come alone or barely "knowing" other students from their school or community. As soon as you arrive, you will find yourself immersed in the friendliest, welcoming, warm and accepting community. Our staff strive to make you feel comfortable. We do lots of activities as soon as you arrive to get you acquainted with each other and staff. Each delegate will be placed in a cabin with approximately 11 other people staffed by two youth counselors.

Can I leave NCCJ ANYTOWN early? No! We expect you to attend the entire residential program, every bit of all six days. If you cannot make the entire six days, please do not apply and consider applying another year when you are able to attend the entire residential program. No exceptions!

What if I have been accepted and I cannot attend? Please let us know, as soon as you know, that you will not be able to attend to allow the next person on our waiting list to take your spot. Each spot at NCCJ ANYTOWN is valuable in cost and experience, so we plan to have each spot filled. Your program fee minus the registration fee will be returned if you cancel by June 25, 2018. After this date, any last-minute cancellation will be subject to an administration fee of \$100 with the remaining balance refunded

I just graduated high school this year can I still apply? One of the primary goals of NCCJ ANYTOWN is to have the delegates return to their high schools and take actions steps to bring positive changes to their communities. With this said, depending on available spots and if you are 18 years of age or younger, we do accept applications from graduated high school students. Please send in your application and we will inform you of our decision.

I am not enrolled in any high school; can I still apply? Yes, as long as you're between the ages of 14 - 18 you are eligible to apply.

How can parents learn more about ANYTOWN? NCCJ will host a Parent Information Session, with a date and time provided in the acceptance packets. Parents can always call or email prior to acceptance with questions or for more information.

I have more questions, what do I do?

Just call us, our office staff will be happy to answer your questions. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30pm.

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