



Nevada Flight Crew Information & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Applications due by September 15, 2026!

What is the Nevada Flight Crew?

The NV Flight Crew is a highly-visible youth ambassador program led by the Nevada Afterschool Network (NAN), that elevates young voices in STEM from across Nevada to inspire their peers and demonstrate that STEM is for everyone and happens everywhere. ALL youth ages 12-16 are encouraged to apply!

Each Nevada Flight Crew cohort will serve as champions for Out-of-School-Time (OST) STEM while developing their advocacy and leadership skills through nine months of programming. Featuring remarkable youth leaders who represent Nevada and inspire their peers' curiosity in STEM, the program provides opportunities for leadership development, public speaking, hands-on STEM activities, and mentorship. Motivated by their own impactful STEM experiences beyond the classroom, Flight Crew members will share their stories, engage in mentorship, grow as STEM leaders, and use their voices to advocate for expanded STEM opportunities beyond the regular school day.

**Individuals who reside across the state of Nevada encouraged to apply.*

***Preference will be given to those who are in a 21st Century Program*

NAN hopes to recruit remarkable youth capable of speaking to:

- First-hand, impactful STEM experiences beyond the classroom (afterschool, summer, before school),
- Any work and/or desire to break down stereotypes, solve challenges in their community, and spark their peers' curiosity in STEM,
- Experiences in building STEM skills by working in teams, problem-solving, etc., and any ability to connect their STEM experiences to everyday life.

Flight Crew Members will:

- Share their STEM Story
- Connect with Peers across Nevada
- Learn from STEM Mentors
- Engage in STEM Activities
- Develop as STEM Leaders

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FAQS

Who is eligible to apply for the NV Flight Crew?

To be eligible for the Nevada Flight Crew, youth applicants must meet these requirements:

1. Youth must be 12-16 years old at the time of application submission
2. Youth must reside in Nevada
3. Youth must be a participant or have participated in an out-of-school program, club, or other extracurricular activity
4. Youth must be willing to share their STEM stories publicly.

If selected, will the NV Flight Crew members be required to share their voices on social media?

Nevada Flight Crew members should champion afterschool STEM experiences to inspire other young people. While sharing on their own social media accounts is not a requirement, members are encouraged to spread the word about their experiences to their own peer networks. Members will also likely be asked to contribute video content, quotes or photos to be used on NAN's social media channels and website.

When are NV Flight Crew Zoom calls typically held? What happens if a Flight Crew member has a conflict and is unable to attend?

Nevada Flight Crew Zoom calls are scheduled monthly during meetings to accommodate everyone's availability, usually in the evening to fit around afterschool activities. If a Flight Crew member is unable to attend a call, a recording, email summary, and "make-up" activity will be sent out afterward via email.

How are NV Flight Crew members selected? Can a youth reapply if they have not been accepted in previous years?

Applicants are selected based on their thoughtfully crafted responses in the application.

Youth who have applied in previous years but were not accepted are welcome to reapply for this year's Flight Crew.

What role do parents/guardians and afterschool program staff have in NV Flight Crew programming?

Parents/guardians and program staff are critical supporters and champions of youth in their STEM journey. Parents/guardians and program staff do not participate directly in Flight Crew programming, meaning they do not attend monthly Zoom meetings and do not complete any projects. However, for in-person events, chaperones may be required to accompany minors.

Parents/guardians will be requested to sign off on certain paperwork, such as the official rules, participant permission and media releases.

What are the time commitments & active involvement expectations of a NV Flight Crew member?

Flight Crew members are expected to attend all meetings, actively participate in group initiatives, and complete assigned activities for each month's training. Attendance at NAN-hosted or partnered events in a member's area is required, but NAN will work with members and their

families to schedule activities at convenient times and locations. If opportunities arise outside the local community, NAN will assist in finding financial support when possible.

Additional opportunities hosted by outside organizations will be presented to the cohort as opt-in experiences and are not required, but highly encouraged.

Timely communication is essential for all Flight Crew members. Participants must regularly check their email and Google Chat for updates, deadlines, and action items from NAN staff and STEM mentors. Some opportunities are time-sensitive and require a quick response. NAN will support members in staying informed, but it is each member's responsibility to stay engaged and respond promptly.

Do applicants need to submit anecdotes or details about their out-of-school-time STEM promotion work?

Young people applying to the Nevada Flight Crew should be comfortable talking about their experiences with out-of-school-time STEM. Youth do not currently need to be doing advocacy or promotional work in their communities at the time of application.

Do applicants need to be participating in an ongoing/current afterschool STEM activity or can past experiences count?

Applicants should have previous experience or currently be enrolled in an out-of-school program or activity.

Do applicants need to do public speaking or advocacy work? If so, how much and what types?

Nevada Flight Crew members are champions for out-of-school STEM in their communities. Applicants do not need to currently be participating in public speaking or advocacy work but, as part of their Nevada Flight Crew programming, they will receive training and access to opportunities to grow these skills.