



## SRMP 2026-2027 Application Guide

### Key Dates:

Application Deadline: **Friday, March 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET**

Program Interviews: **Thursday to Friday, April 2–10, 2026**

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## Eligibility Requirements

To apply for SRMP, you must:

### Basic Eligibility

- Live **and** attend school in **New York City**
- Be in **10th or 11th grade this year**
- Be passing your classes for the last **three or more semesters**
- Commit to:
  - **Twice-weekly mentor meetings** after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
  - **1–2 Fridays per month** for program-wide workshops

You must also meet *one* of the following:

### A) Coursework Eligibility

You have completed or are currently taking a course in at least one of these AMNH education programs:

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- AIS (Adventures in Science)
- SNP (Science and Nature Program)
- EAP (Early Adventures Program)
- Lang Program
- SAP (Science Alliance Program)
- HE<sup>3</sup>AT (Healthcare, Energy, Education, Environment, Agriculture, and Technology)

OR

## B) Partner School / Partner Program Eligibility

You attend one of SRMP's partner high schools or partner programs.  
(See the complete eligibility list at [amnh.org/srmp](https://amnh.org/srmp))

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## What You'll Submit in the Application

### 1. General Information Section

You'll fill out standard application details about yourself, such as:

- Name
  - Address
  - School
  - Current Grade level
  - Contact information
  - Parent/guardian information
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### 2. Short Answer Responses

You will answer **five required questions** and **two optional questions**. We have included them in the section below.

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## Required Short Answer Questions

1. Tell us about your relationship with Science (400 words max). In your answer, be sure to tell us:

- What areas of science you are interested in and why?
- Have you performed any science research before? (in school, after school, summer programs, etc.)

*(Helpful hints: You don't have to be in love with science to do SRMP! We want to know what you do and don't like, and what kinds of things you're most interested in doing in a program like SRMP. We're not testing you on how much you know. It's ok if you've done research before and it's ok if this would be your first experience, we just want to know a bit about your experience!)*

2. What do you hope to gain from participating in the SRMP Class of 2026-2027? Why do you want to be in this program? (400 words max)

*(Helpful hints: Doing SRMP is a big commitment. What do you think you'll get out of it? What is your biggest motivation for applying to a program like this?)*

3. What are your other expected time commitments after school next year? How do you plan to make time for this program? (200 words max)

*(Helpful hints: If you are committed to a sports team, a theater performance, or a particular club, we want to know about it so we can talk with you about how to balance your schedule and make sure that you're available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for SRMP)*

4. What do you value in a team dynamic and why do you believe this is important? (give specific examples from your experience) (200 words max)

*(Helpful hints: Have you ever been on a sports team, a music ensemble, or a group project? What has made your team or group work well together?)*

5. Please look through [amnh.org/srmp](https://amnh.org/srmp) and view the projects SRMP students have previously worked on. Tell us about 2 or more specific projects from these lists that you imagine yourself enjoying and why.

## Optional Questions

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6. What questions do you have about SRMP?

*(Helpful hints: We often address these questions during the interview stage, so adding your question here helps us prepare)*

7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

*(Helpful hints: This is just a space to share anything else you want us to know that you didn't have a place for up above)*

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## ✨ Research Ready: The SRMP Success Toolkit

### Start with reflection, not writing

Take a few minutes to think about your experiences, interests, and challenges. Jot down moments that shaped your curiosity before starting full paragraphs.

### Tell your story — briefly but clearly

A strong answer has a thread: **What happened** → **what you learned** → **why it matters now**. You do not need to fill the space with extra information, but we want a comprehensive answer. The strongest applications give us a real sense of who the person is and why they want to be in SRMP.

### Use specific examples

Rather than saying “I like biology,” share a moment or question that sparked your interest. Specifics help us get to know *you*.

### Write in your real voice

You do not need complicated vocabulary or formal writing. Honest, clear, personal writing is best.

### Revise for meaning, not perfection

Read your responses aloud. Ask yourself:

- Does this sound like me?
- Does it answer the full question?

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- Does it flow logically?

**! Small grammar mistakes will not hurt your application. Thoughtfulness matters the most.**

## Connect to growth

SRMP is designed for curious, motivated learners. Show us how you hope to grow, what you want to learn, and why this program feels right for you.

## Start early and pace yourself

You do not need to complete the application in a single sitting. Begin your drafts early and give yourself time to revisit, revise, and refine your answers. When you complete your first draft, hit SUBMIT, and you will receive an email with an editable link. You may edit your short essay responses up until the deadline. Returning to your writing regularly before the deadline helps you submit your strongest work.

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## Using AI Thoughtfully

AI tools can help with brainstorming, organizing ideas, or proofreading. However, your final submission must reflect **your own voice, experiences, and perspective**. We want to get to know **you**, not an AI version of you.