

Bay Area Family Church: The YSP S!NERGY has officially launched!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

The YSP S!NERGY has officially launched! The webpage is published and we are ready to start receiving submissions.

It was decided we will only have 1 S!NERGY competition representing USA as a nation. The top winner will compete against Canada's top winner for the North America Regional competition which will be held tentatively in January 2021

Please share the flyers I have attached for both S!NERGY and the Youth Heroes' Award (in pdf and png form) . The Youth Heroes' Award is an IAYSP award given to 2 young people of several different nations to recognize them for their positive impact for the sake of sustainable peace and must be nominated. Both S!NERGY and the award is for ANY young person between age 13-39 so let your friends and network outside of FFWPU know about it.

Deadline for both presentation submissions and nominations for the award is Dec. 19, 2020, with the online S!NERGY event happening on December 26, 2020 Saturday. The awardee for the Youth Heroes' Award will be recognized on Dec. 26 during the S!NERGY event and a medal and certificate will be mailed to them.

The prize grants for S!NERGY are still being discussed and we will have those details soon. All other details are on the webpages on the YSP USA website.

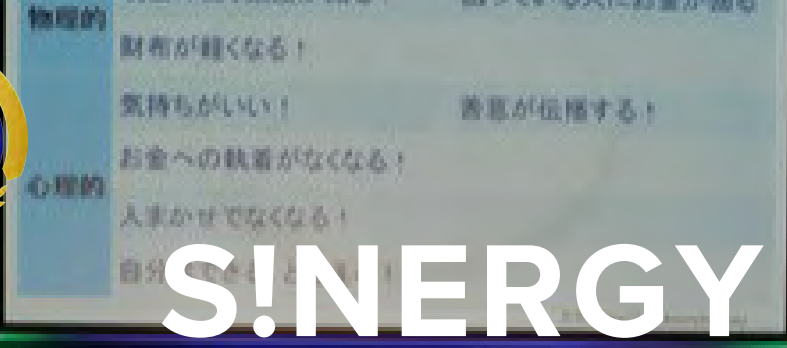
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If you have any other questions please let me know!

Sincerely,

Naria Gaarder
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S!NERGY: students x ideas x energy



WHAT IS IT?

S!nergy is an event initiated by International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP or YSP) in Japan and has started to spread to the other countries IAYSP is working in. It is a platform for students to share their projects and ideas in a professional setting. A group of judges made up of distinguished leaders of the community vote along with the audience on the best idea and presentation. The winner receives a grant to help further their idea or project.



S!NERGY X USA





IAYSP in the USA is excited to host a S!NERGY event this December of 2020! This is open to all youth and young adults living in the United States. The competition will be held virtually online. The top presenter from the USA S!NERGY event and the Canada S!NERGY event will go on to present on the Regional Level in January 2021, then the top Regional presenter will go on to the International Level in February 2021. **Cash prizes will be given at each level.**

Entering this S!NERGY competition is FREE. To compete, first submit a recorded video of your presentation. The **deadline for recorded presentation submissions is December 19, 2020** at 11:59pm PST. Top presentations will be chosen by a committee and presented live online to a panel of judges on December 26, 2020.

Presentation Theme: The Role of Youth in Resolving Conflicts and Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals ~ Toward the Peaceful World of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values~

ENTER S!NERGY COMPETITION

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Anyone under age 13-39 is eligible to compete, but must first sign up to be a member of IAYSP and learn the YSP Peace Perspective (through the video at the bottom of the page) before sending in submissions.

SUBMITTING A PRESENTATION

Click on the “Enter S!NERGY Competition” button to submit your information, video recording of your presentation proposal, script and slide presentation. The submitted video needs to be **4 minutes or shorter** and have your presentation slides recorded with your voice speaking as the slides move. (This can be done

with a zoom account or PowerPoint program)

After the submissions are reviewed the top presenters will be notified within a week after the submission deadline. The 3 top submissions will be chosen and the speakers will present live online to a panel of judges. The live presentations need to be 7-10 minutes long and points will be taken off if they go over 10 minutes.

[Example submission video](#)

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

- Presenter must be under age 40 and have learned the YSP Peace Perspective (watch video below)
- Content should be a proposal of a project or idea to create peace and a better society
- Submission presentation needs to be 4 minutes or less
- Clearly states the issue you are trying to address
- Clearly states your proposal to address the issue
- Share a personal connection with the issue and how it affects you and others
- Supports at least one [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
- Presentation has a clear theme and is related to the theme indicated for the event
- Keep slides simple and clean
- Do not use copyrighted images
- Make sure any facts and statements are accurate
- Use clear, readable fonts for your slides

Presentations will be judged on:

- Inspiration (heart, spirit, emotion, energy)
- Content (importance, urgency, and feasibility)

- Delivery (quality of slides, voice articulation)

ENTER S!NERGY COMPETITION

**Know a young person who serves the community and deserves to be recognized?
Nominate them for the [Youth Heroes' Award!](#)**

The image is a screenshot of a video player. At the top left, there is a circular logo for 'YSP Peace Perspective' and the text 'from YSP USA'. To the right of the logo are three icons: a heart, a clock, and a paper plane. The main content of the video is a graphic titled 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS'. The graphic consists of 17 numbered icons arranged in a grid, each representing a goal. The goals are: 1. No Poverty, 2. Zero Hunger, 3. Good Health and Well-being, 4. Quality Education, 5. Gender Equality, 6. Clean Water and Sanitation, 7. Affordable and Clean Energy, 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth, 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 10. Reduced Inequalities, 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities, 12. Responsible Consumption and Production, 13. Climate Action, 14. Life Below Water, 15. Life on Land, 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, 17. Partnerships for the Goals. The 17th goal icon is partially obscured by a 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL' text box. At the bottom of the video player, there is a play button, a progress bar showing 08:51, a signal strength indicator, a settings gear, a full screen icon, and the 'vimeo' logo.

International Association of Youth and Students for Peace

Youth Heroes' Award



Young people are leading and making amazing differences in the world each day. This award is to recognize exemplary youth in each region of the world who has contributed to creating a global culture of peace and sustainable development .
Nominate Someone Now!

Chosen awardees will be given a certificate of recognition and medal specially designed by IAYSP . Top awardees in each region will also have the opportunity to attend the global IAYSP gathering in South Korea, February 2021*.

To read all the qualifications and to nominate a youth go to
yspusa.org/youth-heroes-award

*IAYSP events will be subject to change based on Covid 19 developments and regulations.



Youth Heroes' Award

Projects

PEACE DESIGNER
SEMINAR

CHARACTER
EDUCATION

INTERCULTURAL
ACTIVITIES

SERVICE AWARDS

YOUTH HEROES'
AWARD

International Association of Youth and Students for Peace

Youth Heroes' Awards

This international award is given to exceptional youth and young adults around the world who have contributed to creating a global culture of peace and sustainable development through their projects and have shown exemplary public-mindedness to bring a positive, lasting impact on their community and/or broader society.



Candidates for the award are chosen multiple nations every year through nomination and must be submitted by someone other than themselves. 2020 marks the first year for giving this annual award.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE AWARD?

For IAYSP in the United States, candidates must be:

- A resident of the United States.
- Age: 13 to 39 years old

- A young person who has contributed to solving social problems, promoted activities to support the UN's SDGs, or achieved some substantial results through service. The candidate should have good character and have a public mind towards his/her nation and the world, while promoting youth activities.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

After submitting a nominee through the application form, nominees will be evaluated by a committee. Nominees will be notified of the results within a week after the nomination **deadline on December 19, 2020 at 11:59pm PST**. Two nominees from the United States will be chosen to receive the Youth Heroes' Award. They will receive a medal and certificate along with being publicly recognized on December 26, 2020 during the S!NERGY event. Awardees will also have the opportunity to be a judge for future IAYSP S!NERGY events and attend IAYSP's Global Youth gathering in South Korea in February 2021 (event schedules are subject to change based on Covid-19 developments).

SUBMIT NOMINATION