Apply Now for the 2022-2023 Young Naturalist Preschool Program at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum.

Applications will be processed according to the following criteria and procedures:

**Group 1:** Current YN students, program alumni, and siblings of current students

- **Group 1 Applications Open:** Monday November 29th 2021
- **Group 1 Applications Close:** Friday December 10th 2021
- **Group 1 Contract and Deposit Due:** Friday January 7th 2022
  - Group 1 applications MUST be submitted by the deadline of December 10th in order to receive prioritized placement.
  - Group 1 applicants will be placed according to their first choice class selection.
    - If first choice applications exceed the maximum size for a class, placements will be determined by a lottery system.
      - Placements are NOT done on a “first come, first serve” basis.
    - Group 1 applicants not placed in their first choice will be placed in their second choice with subsequent lotteries (if needed) and added to the waitlist for their first choice class.
      - Third choice placements are made as necessary.
  - Any Group 1 applicants not placed in a class will be added to waitlists for all interested classes.
  - Group 1 contracts and waitlist notifications will be distributed within a week of the application deadline.
    - These must be returned with a non-refundable $65 registration fee along with 10% of the tuition, by **January 7th** to secure class placement.
      - Failure to return contract and payment by the deadline could result in loss of the offered slot.
        - Spots cannot be held once Group 2 placements begin
Group 2: Museum Members

- **Group 2 Applications Open: Monday January 10th 2022**
- **Group 2 Applications Close: Friday February 11th 2022**
- **Group 1 Contract and Deposit Due: Tuesday March 1st 2022**
  - Group 2 applications MUST be submitted by the deadline of February 11th in order to receive prioritized placement.
  - Group 2 applicants will be placed according to their first choice class selection.
  - If first choice applications exceed the maximum size for a class, placements will be determined by a lottery system.
  - Placements are NOT done on a “first come, first serve” basis.
  - Group 2 applicants not placed in their first choice will be placed in their second choice with subsequent lotteries (if needed) and added to the waitlist for their first choice class.
  - Third choice placements are made as necessary.
  - Any Group 2 applicants not placed in a class will be added to waitlists for all interested classes.
  - Group 2 contracts and waitlist notifications will be distributed within a week of the application deadline.
  - These must be returned with a non-refundable $65 registration fee along with 10% of the tuition, by March 1st to secure class placement.
    - Failure to return contract and payment by the deadline could result in loss of the offered slot.
      - Spots cannot be held once Group 3 registration begins

Group 3: General Public

- Group 3 application period will begin on **Monday March 7th 2022**.
  - Applicants will be added to remaining class slots or waitlists according to application submission date.
- The signed contract, the $65 registration fee, and 10% of the tuition will be due back within 2 weeks of notification of class placement.
  - Contract and payment due within 1 week of notification of class placement if applying after August 1st.
- Group 3 applications remain open until the start of the school year.