



TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM 2026
Frequently Asked Questions [FAQs]

1. What is the TSP about?

The Teen Summer Program is designed to give you a unique opportunity to learn about the work performed by the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), through interaction with experts and staff members from each organization. While the format normally remains constant, the actual areas covered in the content may vary from year to year.

The three objectives of the Teen Summer Program are:

- Foster the awareness of being a Global Citizen
- Better knowledge and understanding of the two multilateral organizations
- Personal development: cross-cultural skills, communication, collaboration, and self- awareness

2. What are the basic eligibility criteria to be able to participate in the program?

In order to apply for the program, you must first meet the following basic criteria i.e.

- Be 16, 17 or 18 years old by July 1, 2026
- Must be in high school
- Cannot be a college/university student
- Must be a son or daughter of a WBG or IMF staff member, who is registered in the corresponding Family Association - Applicants are permitted to submit **only one application** to the Teen Summer Program (TSP). If both parents are employed at different organizations (WBG or IMF), the applicant must choose **one** Family Association, **WBGFN or IMFFA** through which to apply. Applications submitted in more than one institution will be disqualified.
- Must have an intermediate level of oral and written English proficiency
- Must be committed to attend the entire program from **Monday, June 29nd to Friday July 3rd , 2026**

3. How do I apply for the 2026 Teen Summer Program?

Please visit our website at <https://www.wbfn.org/event/teen-summer-program> and submit your application through the application link which will be open from **midnight (CET) February 9th to midnight (CET) February 23rd 2026**. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application in March.

4. My family does not live in Austria. Can I participate in the program?

Candidates who do not reside in Austria, are ineligible to apply for the 2026 TSP program in Vienna.

5. My father/mother is a WBG or IMF staff member, but he/she is not currently registered in the corresponding Family Association. Can I still apply/participate?

Yes, you can still apply. However, parent must be registered at the time of application. They need to contact the WBG Family Association for registration details. The websites is as follows:

WBGFN: <http://www.wbfn.org/user/mfn>

6. How many applicants will be selected for the 2026 Teen Summer Program?

The program can accommodate a maximum of 20 participants. The Teen Summer Program Committee will review and evaluate all applications after which candidates will be selected for an interview. Therefore, meeting only basic eligibility criteria does not guarantee either selection for an interview and/or admission on to the program. All candidates who are finally accepted will be notified March 16th 2026.

7. Can I participate in 2026 TSP if I've already participated in the program earlier?

No, if you already participated in any previous TSP, you cannot participate again.

8. Can I reapply this year for TSP 2026 even though I was unsuccessful in previous years?

Yes, you are welcome to reapply this year even if you were not successful earlier. However, you must still fulfill all the basic eligibility criteria as stated under FAQ No 2. Please check your age/date of birth with the eligibility criteria very carefully to be sure you still qualify.

9. Is attendance mandatory during the five days of the program?

Yes, attendance is mandatory during the five days of the program i.e. between **Monday, June 29th and Friday, July 3rd, between 9am and 4pm**. No absence will be accepted other than force majeure. If you are absent without prior 'valid reason' this will result in withholding the end of the program certificate. All excused absences must be in writing from the parent.

10. Are there any registration fees and when is the payment due?

There is a non-refundable, registration fee of 150 euros - per participant. It becomes due after you have been notified of acceptance into the program and needs to be paid **no later than noon March 23rd CET**.

11. What is the refund policy if I cannot attend the program but my fee has already been paid?

There is no refund once the payment is received.

12. What expenses will I have during the program?

The registration fee of 150 Euros will cover outings and daily lunches. Candidates need to supply their own transportation tickets for travel to and from planned outings, as well as snacks.

13. If I want to know something that is not included here, where should I send my inquiry?

For queries or clarification, **please email** WBGFN Vienna: wbfn.austria@gmail.com

There will be an online Q&A session on February 12th at 11 a.m. CET. Please check your email for information.