To make attending Yale Engineering and Science Weekend (YES-W) as simple and convenient as possible, we are offering a stipend of $500 for flights, or $100 for rail, to cover the cost of your travel to campus. The YES-W program is primarily intended for students. Parents are welcome to attend YES-W, but the travel funding is extended only to you; your parents will have to make their own arrangements if they plan to join you.

To book your YES Weekend travel arrangements, please follow the instructions below.

**When to Come and Go**

You should try to arrive on campus on Saturday, February 27th in time to complete registration by 5:00 pm. The Welcome Dinner is the kick-off for YES-W and will take place at 5:00 pm that evening at the Timothy Dwight College Dining Hall, which is a short walk away from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If you are flying in, you should book a flight that will arrive at Bradley International Airport (BDL) before 4:15 pm on Saturday. Bradley International Airport (BDL) is the most convenient airport, and we strongly encourage you to book a flight that arrives around noon in order to mitigate possible flight delays. Please see “Arriving by Plane” on the next page to learn how to book your flights.

YES-W will end with a “Master’s Tea” with current President of the American Astronomical Society and Yale astrophysics professor Dr. Meg Urry in the afternoon on Monday, February 29th. In order to catch the entirety of the Master’s Tea, students requiring air transportation should book flights for after 7:00 pm. Reserved shuttles will leave from outside the Admissions Office immediately after the Master’s Tea ends. We are happy to continue to provide housing for you on Monday night, if you wish to stay on campus and find it most convenient to fly out on Tuesday.

Finally, you will be required to book all of your ground transportation to and from the airports. Please see “Ground Transportation from and to Airports” on the next page to learn how to reserve your shuttle rides.
Arriving by Plane

When you are ready to book your travel, you can choose one of two ways to book air transportation:

The **first option** is to book your travel directly online by using the Orbitz for Business website.

- Point your web browser to [www.orbitzforbusiness.net](http://www.orbitzforbusiness.net)
- Enter your email address (the one listed on your Common Application) and click “Request a new password.” Follow the prompts to create your password and log in.
- Search for flights and complete the booking process. The cost of your ticket will be charged directly to the Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The **second option** is to call Orbitz for Business at 1-877-ORBITZ1 (672-4891).

- When prompted, enter the phone number listed on your Common Application.
- Identify yourself using your full name and email address as it appears on your Yale Application.
- If needed, let the agent know that you are part of a “user group” named “Yale Engineering and Science Weekend” so that he or she may assist you in booking your flights.

A note about airports: Yale is accessible via several local airports. Students most frequently fly into Bradley Airport (BDL) in Hartford, CT; and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) or LaGuardia Airport (LGA) in New York City. New Haven has a small airport, Tweed (HVN), but it offers fewer flights and is often not cost effective. Newark Liberty Airport (EWR) is also an option, but is not recommended because of challenges with ground transportation. Please try to book your air travel to another airport before looking for flights to Newark.

Ground Transportation from Airports

If you will be flying into Hartford (BDL), John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK), LaGuardia Airport (LGA), or Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), please use GO Shuttle to book your shuttle transportation to and from campus. By using the URL below, the cost of your shuttle rides will be billed directly to the Admissions Office.

- **For students flying into Hartford (BDL) on Saturday, 2/27:** please do not book a round-trip shuttle to campus, as shuttles will be running regularly between BDL and Yale Campus on Saturday. Several days before YES Weekend you will receive an automated follow-up message with your shuttle information. **You should, however, proceed to book a one-way shuttle from Yale Campus to your departure airport.**

- **For students flying into any other airport on any other date:** you should proceed to book a round-trip shuttle by visiting the link below.

**YES Weekend Participants Shuttles:**

The link above is for you only. We are unable to cover ground transportation costs for guests traveling with students. Any guests may see the URL below to book separate transportation.


Once you are on the GO Shuttle portal, please follow these instructions to make your reservation:
1. Select “Arrival Reservations” and then “Round Trip”.

2. Choose your airport from the drop-down menu. Enter your flight arrival and departure information.

3. For your drop-off and pick-up location, select “Yale – Admissions Office” from the “Local School” drop-down menu.

4. Click “Continue” to confirm your drop off and pickup times.

5. Enter your flight details and personal information to complete the booking. Please select the “shared van” option if it is offered.

Any students arriving late on Saturday, February 27th, or arriving on a different day, should select “Yale – Phelps Gate” as their drop off location. Your hosts will be there to greet you and take you to the next important YES-W event. If you need to depart earlier on Monday, or will not be departing until Tuesday, please also select “Yale – Phelps Gate” as your pickup location. Parents may use the ‘parent link’ above and do the same if necessary.

Arriving by Train

You can also book train transportation on Orbitz for Business following the directions listed under “Arriving by Plane.” Union Station in New Haven is a short distance from campus, and you will need to take a taxi from the station. A cab ride from the train station to the Admissions Office usually costs around $8-10. Please ask the driver for a receipt and we will be happy to reimburse you. If you plan to take Metro North to Union Station in New Haven, please save your receipts and we will be happy to reimburse you for your round-trip ticket.

Important Considerations

☐ Your Yale travel credit ($500 for air or $100 for rail) applies to any and all arrangements provided by Orbitz for Business.

☐ If your total travel costs exceed the $500 travel credit, or are greater than $50 above the most cost effective option, the Yale Admissions Office will need to review and approve your itinerary with Orbitz for Business before the agent can process your travel plans. Approvals are finalized within 24 hours of your booking request.

☐ Students travelling by train from New York City are not eligible to use the Yale credit for any Amtrak train tickets; reimbursement is available for Metro-North train tickets.

☐ Be advised that this credit can only be used through Orbitz for Business. As a matter of policy, we CANNOT reimburse you for travel arranged online outside of Orbitz for Business.

And finally…

Please complete your flight or train reservations as soon as possible, and before Monday, February 22nd at the latest. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your reservation, please contact Chris Bakes at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. He can be reached via email (christopher.bakes@yale.edu) or by phone (203-432-9319) during office hours. We look forward to seeing you on campus and welcoming you to Yale.