



Model NATO Application Process Requirements

Dear applicants,

this document shall provide you with all the formal information regarding the application process for Model NATO, part of the XXVI. Summit.

In case of any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the organizers at summit@amo.cz or directly the Model NATO team at nato@amo.cz.

1) Formal requirements

- a) Registration of the applicant in the information system, which can be accessed from sys.amo.cz.
- b) Submission of the application in the information system **until 11 October 2020** with the following information:
 - i) three preferred states to represent (out of the 30 NATO members);
 - ii) the admissions essay at the required limit of characters and the text of motivation;
 - iii) a list of sources used in the admissions essay.

In case of non-fulfilment of formal requirements, the application will not be admitted or in any other way further processed. The applicant will be informed that the application has been successfully submitted through e-mail. If you have any technical problems with submitting your application, please contact us at summit@amo.cz.

2) Admissions essay

- a) The applicants are required to write an admissions essay in English **at the limit of 3600 characters** including spaces on the topic of: **NATO's policy towards Belarus**
- b) The anonymized essays will be processed by the members and associate fellows of the Association for International Affairs, who will rate them on the scale of **0 to 30 points** based on following criteria:

Meeting of instructions

The essay must elaborate on the assigned topic and include information relevant to the assignment.

Factual accuracy

The essay must be elaborated according to the real factual situation and supported by true situations or events. The information stated in the essay are going to be verified.

Argumentation

Given the fact that this essay is opinion based, it is important to present it in a way that is convincing to those reviewing it. Sound logic and internal consistency are the key elements.

Use of sources

An essay with copied sentences that are missing a source will be considered plagiarised and therefore excluded. Stating sources that have been used but not directly cited is also demanded. However, following referencing standards is not necessary.

The list of sources is not counted for in the character limit.

Grammar and stylistics

The essay must be well structured. Writing should be clear and to the point. Avoid any grammatical errors and unnecessary artistic expressions.

Originality

The goal of the essay is certainly not to impress those reviewing it. Nevertheless, a certain amount of creativity will be appreciated given the fact that this is not a mere description of events. Choosing non-typical cases will also be appreciated.

3) Text of motivation

- a) The applicants are also asked to write a (preferably short) text in English answering the question: **What do you expect from Model NATO and what can we expect from you?**
- b) The text will be rated on the scale of **0 to 5 points**, based only on the personal impression of the reviewers. Honesty, originality and the ability to express oneself briefly are some but not all of the relevant criteria.

4) Results

- a) **30 high-school applicants** with the highest points from the admissions essay will be admitted to take part in the project. In case of equality of points, the decision will be taken by means of a draw.
- b) The NATO member states to be represented will be assigned according to the preferences stated in the application form and according to the amount of points gained.
- c) The results of the application process will be published at the Summit webpage no later than on **18 October 2020**. The applicant will also be informed via email.