



OREGON YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



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SALEM FAMILY YMCA

685 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

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"DEMOCRACY MUST BE LEARNED BY EACH GENERATION"



WHAT IS YOUTH & GOVERNMENT?

This program is a three day intensive educational experience unlike any other. It allows students to practice parliamentary procedure and participate directly in a mock legislative process; providing the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views. Students draft all legislation, serve in leadership roles and learn about the process of passing legislation.

How to get involved

Students in grades 9-12 can become involved through their school club or local YMCA. Teachers and volunteers act as the advisors of the club to assist in leading club meetings, helping students with bill writing, judicial practice or club organization.

Our Goal

To create an environment in which students can increase their political awareness and understanding, while learning the meaning of social action through an actual experience in government.

Calendar

October:

- Program Registration opens
-Oct 1, 2018
- Start preparing measures
- Practice parliamentary procedure

December:

- Early Bird Registration ends
-Dec 31, 2017
- All Financial Aid applications due
-Dec 31, 2017

January:

- Registration ends
-Jan 31, 2018

February:

- File declarations of candidacy
-Feb 20, 2018
- All measures due to state office
-Feb 20, 2018

March:

- Attend Pre-Legislative Session
-March 17, 2018
- Prepare debate for April
- Final draft of measures due
-March 23, 2018

April:

- Attend 3 day session in Salem
-April 5-7, 2018

Financial Assistance through the YMCA is available for those in need.

"I learned more about our legislative system here than I could anywhere else."

-Former Lake Oswego High School Student

OREGON YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT INTEREST/INTENT FORM

Please complete this form to indicate your intent to participate in Oregon YMCA Youth and Government or your interest in obtaining more information about the program. *Registration and program information will be sent in October to those indicating an intent to participate.*

School/Club/YMCA Name: _____

Teacher/Advisor Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Best time to call/prep period: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

School Web page address: _____

Yes! We plan to have approximately _____ students participate in the 2017-2018 program of the Oregon YMCA Youth & Government.

We are interested, but would like to have more information before deciding. Please contact me immediately.



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

Contact **Nekole Baurer**
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PROGRAM FEES

\$175* per participant
Registration ends
January 31, 2018

Save \$25 if registered by
December 31, 2017

*Additional fees apply for
hotel stay based on
occupancy:

\$50 for quad
\$100 for double
\$200 for single

**Financial Assistance is
available through the
YMCA**

No one will be turned
away for lack of ability to
pay.

- ◆ Hands-on experience with the state legislative process including debating student created measures and the state office elections/campaigns.
- ◆ Students have the opportunity to debate measures on the floors of the actual House of Representatives and Senate Chambers at the Oregon State Capitol.
- ◆ Students elect their own leaders including a Youth Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Clerks, Reading Clerks, and Committee Chairs.
- ◆ All programming, materials and supplies are provided.
- ◆ Program is conducted in accordance with YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.