



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 15, 2018

November:

All Financial Aid applications due
-Nov 30, 2018

December:

Registration closes
-Dec 15, 2018
First draft of bills due
-Dec 21, 2018
Declaration of Candidacy forms due
-Dec 21, 2018

January:

Pre-Leg Assembly
-Jan 12, 2019
Final Draft of bills due
-Jan 18, 2019

February:

Wednesday Workshop for Officers
-Feb 6, 2019
72rd Annual Mock Session
-Feb 7-9, 2019

April:

CONA applications due
-April 1, 2019

June:

Youth Governor's Conference
Washington D.C.

July:

53rd YMCA Youth Conference on
National Affairs (CONA)
Black Mountain, NC

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 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 2018-2019 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

\$200 per participant
Registration ends
December 15, 2018

Program fees include hotel lodging with breakfast, two evening meals, necessary program materials and a t-shirt.

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.