



# OREGON YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



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**SALEM FAMILY YMCA**

**PO Box 110, Salem, OR 97308**

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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, parliamentary procedure 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, 2019

#### November:

Early Bird Registration closes  
-Nov 30, 2019  
All Financial Aid applications due  
-Nov 30, 2019

#### December:

First draft of bills due  
-Dec 20, 2019  
Declaration of Candidacy forms due  
-Dec 20, 2019  
Registration closes  
-Dec 31, 2019

#### January:

Pre-Leg Assembly  
-Jan 11, 2020  
Final Draft of bills due  
-Jan 18, 2020

#### February:

Wednesday Workshop for Officers  
-Feb 5, 2020  
73rd Annual Mock Session  
-Feb 6-8, 2020

#### April:

CONA applications due  
-April 1, 2020

#### June:

Youth Governor's Conference  
Washington D.C.

#### July:

54th 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*

# 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 2019-2020 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

**Save \$25 and register early!**

\$200 Early-Bird  
Registration ends  
November 30, 2019

\$225  
Registration ends  
December 31, 2019

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.