

COLORADO YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Colorado YMCA Youth in Government Program is to aid high school students in gaining knowledge of governmental organization and structure through participation in a mock legislative process. With the support of a school advisor, students participate in a one-day training program, the pre-legislative assembly, and a three-day general assembly. The general assembly will be held at the Colorado State Capitol. Throughout the general assembly, students assume the roles of Senators, House Representatives, lobbyists, pages, and media representatives as they draft bills, discuss them in committees, and debate them on the floors of the Senate and House chambers. Leadership development, public speaking, and written language are but a few objectives of this fun and educational experience.

Registration Form

Deadline for Registration: October 13, 2007

Mandatory Pre-Legislative Session: Sunday October 28, 2007

General Assembly: November 19-21, 2007

Register online at www.coloradoyig.org

The cost for the 2007 program is \$70.00 dollars per student.

(Please Print in Blue or Black Ink ONLY)

Student Name: _____ Gender : Male Female

Grade: _____ DOB: _____ School: _____

Host YMCA: _____ Advisor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Years in program (including this year): _____

CHOICES:

1. Students must select their top three areas of interest (i.e. #1 for their first choice, etc.):
_____ Senate _____ House _____ **Press _____ Lobbyist _____ Attorney

**Students who wish to hold the Editor-in-Chief position in the press must submit, with this registration form, a "piece" of their writing that is approximately 500 words.

2. Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Undecided Other: _____

3a. If student is also running for an elected or appointed position, please check appropriate position(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney General | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain of the House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain of the Senate | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the House | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Senate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Lobbyist | <input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of the House | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of the Senate | <input type="checkbox"/> Senate President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant-at-Arms of the House | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker of the House | <input type="checkbox"/> Supreme Court Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Supreme Court Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Governor | | |

3b. Please check one regarding nomination form for elected or appointed position:

- Nomination form(s) is attached Nomination form(s) had already been submitted

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

_____ Check Mail completed registration form and check payment to:
Youth in Government State Office
27151 East Lakeview Drive
Aurora, CO 80016
Attn: Kimberly Armitage

_____ Credit Card: _____ Discover _____ Mastercard _____ Visa
Card # _____ Exp Date: _____

_____ Payment has already been made on-line at www.denverymca.org

YMCA Program Release for Participants

The YMCA of Metropolitan Denver will not assume responsibility for any injury while participating in the Youth in Government Program. Nor will the YMCA be liable for lost or stolen items while participating in programs. I give permission for the YMCA, without obligation to me, to use any photographs, film footage, and tape recordings of this event, which may include my child's voice or image for purposes of promoting YMCA programs. I give permission for my child to receive email communication as necessary for the program. I, the undersigned for myself, me heirs and assign, do hereby release the YMCA, and it's branches, employees, and agents from any and all claims for injury, death, loss or damage I may suffer as a result of my child's participation in this event.

Code of Conduct

Registration for the Youth in Government Program implies personal acceptance of the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. Each delegate shall conduct him/herself in an orderly manner at all times during the program.

2. It is the responsibility of each participant to attend **all** scheduled sessions and activities and remain in their assigned areas during these sessions.
3. Each delegate will respect the property of others and that of the conference facilities and State Capitol. The future of our program's use of the Capitol facilities and other buildings is contingent on proper treatment of these places. Buildings and equipment **MUST** be kept in the same (or better) condition than when they were found. Do not disturb or remove any equipment, desk, fixtures, etc. Each delegate is liable for the willful destruction of private or public property.
4. **Chemical use is prohibited!** This includes drinking alcohol and/or use of illegal drugs. Use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs is forbidden. Smoking is **not** permitted in any facility used by the program.
5. Strict adherence to the dress code is required during all sessions.
6. For security purposes, participants **MUST** wear their name tags at all times when on Capitol grounds and in other buildings used during the General Assembly.
7. Elevators are reserved for the use of Capitol staff and actual representatives. Youth in Government participants are asked to use the stairs with the exception of those students with a disability or injury.
8. Participants must remain in the areas of the capitol set aside for the program and should use only the public restrooms found in the basement and cafeteria.
9. There is to be **NO** food or beverage of any kind (except water) allowed in any chamber, program area, or committee room. The only place that food is allowed in the Capitol is in the basement cafeteria.
10. Each individual is expected to conform to all rules and regulations for the conference. Participants who violate the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of participation in the program and **being sent home at their own expense.**

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date