

2013 YMCA YOUTH CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

We hope you will consider applying to be a Minnesota Delegate to the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. The Conference is an assembly of more than 600 Youth in Government participants from around the country who are selected by their home states to write and debate proposed solutions to problems of national and international importance. In Minnesota, 20 delegates will be selected to represent the Model Assembly by an impartial committee of program alumni to attend this premiere leadership conference.

If selected, you will be expected to attend 3 delegation meetings and a weekend retreat between the time of your selection and departure for North Carolina.

On June 28, 2013, the Minnesota Delegation, with adult chaperones, will travel by deluxe motorcoach to Black Mountain, North Carolina for the 2013 YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. After the conference adjourns, the group will leave North Carolina for a tour of New York City and other historic and fun locations on the east coast. The after-conference trip will allow delegates to explore the country and expand their cultural horizons. The Delegation will return to Minnesota on July 9, 2013. The total cost for the 11-day trip is \$1,500.00 and covers transportation, conference fees, conference room & board, hotels and side trip tours.

To apply for a position in the Minnesota Delegation, carefully follow the application procedure below and on the following pages. Incomplete applications cannot be properly evaluated and may be disqualified. ***PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THROUGH ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW AND FOLLOW THEM COMPLETELY!***

1. Delegates in grades 10, 11 or 12 are eligible.
2. Complete the application. The "sponsor" is your Delegation Director or adult advisor from your Youth in Government delegation.
3. Completely answer all 5 questions of the Candidate Resume and complete the Candidate Essay. Attach the signed application by paperclip. [Please do not use staples in your application packet.] Please also be sure to put the page number (1/7, 2/7, etc) on the upper right corner of each page.
4. Sign the application and have a parent or guardian and your sponsor from your Youth in Government Delegation sign as well. Do not forget to include your Social Security number on the application. (This information is kept confidential and used to secure tours of security-sensitive buildings.) Include a \$350.00 deposit, which will be refunded if not selected or credited to your account if selected as a delegate or alternate.

All materials are due in the Youth in Government State Office by February 4, 2013! Please be prompt and accurate in completing the application process.

The National Affairs conference is one of the signature experiences of Youth in Government – it can help you prepare for future program participation at a higher level or be a "capstone" experience. In either case, it is a trip not to be equaled! Good luck as you pursue this honor.

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