

Volunteer FAQs

- Q: Which section should I sign up to volunteer in?
 - A: Please see our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page for information on each section you may volunteer in and what to expect in each section. For Volunteer Resources, please visit our [Resource Portal](#) and click on the “Volunteers” section.
- Q: Do I need to have a background in the legal field (attorney, law school student, etc.) to volunteer in the Judicial section?
 - A: Though volunteers with legal backgrounds are especially preferred for our Judicial section, we welcome any volunteer who is willing to learn! 😊
- Q: Do I need to have a background in print or broadcast media to volunteer in the Media section?
 - A: Though volunteers with such backgrounds are preferred for our Media section, we welcome any volunteer who is willing to learn! 😊
- Q: I am an alum of Texas Youth and Government. Can I volunteer?
 - A: To maintain the fairness and integrity of the program, we ask that recent high school alumni sit out **at least** one program cycle year before registering to volunteer at the High School State Conference. We value your experience; however, we want to ensure that recent high school graduates are seen as experienced Y&G alums and not as a peer to current participants. Our young alumni may volunteer at our Middle School (JuniorYG) State Conference or simply visit the conferences to see what Y&G is up to.
- Q: Do volunteers receive training?
 - A: Volunteers will be required to participate in an online training and/or a mandatory volunteer orientation before their shift(s) at the conference.
- Q: I am worried about the time commitment of volunteering. What are volunteer shift times like?
 - A: Each section has its own times, which are broken down below. You may choose as many or as few shifts as you would like. **In addition to these shifts, a mandatory volunteer orientation is required. An orientation for each volunteer section is held each day of the conference, and you must attend at least one in order to volunteer.**
 - **Legislative Section Volunteer shifts:**
 - Friday 6:30pm-10pm (Renaissance Hotel)
 - Saturday 8:30am-1pm (Renaissance Hotel), 12:30-4:30pm (Capitol)
 - **State Affairs Forum Volunteer shifts:**
 - Friday 6:30pm-10pm (Renaissance Hotel)
 - Saturday 9am-12pm (Capitol), 12:30pm-5pm (Renaissance Hotel)
 - **Judicial Section Volunteer shifts:**
 - Friday 8:30am-1pm (Capitol, UT Law, FUMC), 12:30pm-5pm (Capitol, UT Law, FUMC)
 - Saturday 8:30am-1pm (Capitol, UT Law, TCC), 12:30pm-5pm (Capitol, UT Law, TCC)
 - **General Conference Volunteer shifts:**
 - Thursday 11:30am-4:30pm (Renaissance Hotel);
 - Friday 1pm-5pm (Renaissance Hotel), 5pm-8pm (Renaissance Hotel), 8pm-12am (Renaissance Hotel)





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- Saturday 7:00am-9:30am (Renaissance Hotel), 9am-1pm (Capitol), 11am-2pm (Capitol), 1pm-5pm (Capitol), 4:30pm-5:30pm (Capitol), 5pm-8pm (Renaissance Hotel), 8pm-12am (Renaissance Hotel)
- Sunday 8am-11am (Renaissance Hotel)
- Q: I have [registered](#) as an interested volunteer. When can I expect to be contacted about signing up for specific shifts?
 - A: The State Office will be contacting volunteers for the High School State Conference to sign up for shifts in their preferred section(s) in late December-early January. Middle School (JuniorYG) State Conference volunteers will be contacted in early February. In the meantime, if anything changes (unable to volunteer, want to volunteer in a different section, etc), please email the State Office at txyq@austinyca.org.
- Q: I am an advisor for a club. Will I be able to observe my students at the state conference(s)?
 - A: Yes! We do ask club advisors to volunteer for certain shifts while at conference, but we also keep in mind that it is important for your students to see you supporting them while they participate. We will work around your students' schedules with you.
- Q: I would like to volunteer all day. Is lunch and transportation provided?
 - A: Yes! Our **all-day** volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch each day they volunteer, and **all** volunteers are invited to either drive themselves to each venue or ride our buses to each venue.
- Q: I would like to get more involved as a volunteer, beyond the State Conferences. Can I help advise a club or start a new one?
 - A: Yes! Use our [Find My Delegation](#) tool to find clubs near you, and contact the [District Director](#) of the clubs you are interested in volunteering with year-round or beginning yourself.
- Q: Do I need a background check?
 - A: Only Y&G College Staff staying in the hotel will be required to have a background check. All other general conference volunteers need only meet the application criteria.
- Q: Can I simply show up to the State Conference and be assigned a volunteer position?
 - A: No. Volunteer positions and times are coordinated in advance of the conference with those who have filled out our [Volunteer Registration](#) form and meet our volunteer criteria.
- Q: Will lodging for volunteers be provided?
 - A: Unfortunately no, lodging will not be provided unless volunteers are also registered as advisors, Y-staff, or selected as college staff.
- Q: Can volunteers stay in rooms with their former Youth and Government Delegation?
 - A: No. No volunteers are allowed to be one-on-one or room with program participants at any time and any volunteers who do not abide by this policy will be asked to leave the conference.

