

What is Texas Youth & Government?

Founded in 1946, Texas Youth and Government is one of the oldest and largest youth civics education programs in the country. We offer students across the state the opportunity to serve their schools and communities through model government, civic engagement and advocacy. State Competitions take place at the Texas State Capitol, Travis County Courthouses, and other locations designated by the State Director.

Mission

The mission of the YMCA Texas Youth & Government program is to help teenagers become responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation.

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.

STUDENTS IN YG LEARN TO BE...

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| Critical Thinkers | Open-Minded |
| Persuasive | Adaptable |
| Strategic | Creative |

BE THE POWER IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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Democracy must be learned by each generation

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How to Start a Club in Your School

We've created all the resources you need to start a successful club in your school! First, you'll need to find a club sponsor, usually a parent or teacher. Next you'll need to recruit team members. You can find recruitment tools and other helpful resources on our website ymcatexasyg.org/getinvolved/start-a-club

Student Quotes

“ It's wonderful being surrounded by like-minded kids in that they can think critically, but who also have different opinions, perspectives, and solutions. It's an amazing way to make long-lasting friends.”

“ It is SO fun. It's a super awesome experience that will change the way you see the world in a good way.”

See our website for more information on Youth and Government at ymcatexasyg.org



State Leadership Opportunities

- Governor & Lieutenant Governor
- Governors Cabinet
- Secretary of State
- State Affairs Forum Chair
- Attorney General
- Media Co-Editor in Chief
- Lobbyist
- Chief Justice
- Chairperson, Chair Clerk, Judge

These positions are either elected by the delegation during state conference, or appointed based on application and participation in regional conferences. All students chosen for these roles will have special responsibilities and will receive training on how to best fulfill their leadership role!

Sections

LEGISLATIVE

In this section delegates will compete as individuals to write and present bills you believe in. You'll get to debate your bill, propose amendments, and vote on other delegates bills.

STATE AFFAIRS

In this section you can compete by yourself or with a team of up to 3 delegates. You will be given pre-selected topics on which you develop and debate your proposal to address these critical issues.

MEDIA

In this section delegates will compete as individuals and gain real world journalism skills through the publication of a newspaper, social media content, and a news broadcast.

TRIAL COURT

In this section you can compete in teams of 5-8 delegates to argue both the defense and prosecution of high-profile cases. Delegates will evaluate and debate the case written by a Judge who works with the program.

APPELLATE COURT

In this section you can compete as an individual or team up with a friend to better understand the legal system and argue for your fellow delegates to reverse their decision.

For more information on each section, visit our website at ymcatexasyg.org/program-sections