



TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

Congratulations on your child's YMCA Texas Youth and Government State Conference candidacy! Our students who win elected positions take on responsibilities above and beyond the responsibilities of other YG delegates. We want to familiarize all candidates' parents and guardians with the duties of our elected officers in anticipation of their children's possible election. Please read below about the expectations associated with your child becoming an officer.

YG officers are expected to:

- Be available to serve during the 12 months following their election, including during the next year's State Conference. Must arrive at State Conference a day early if in high school.
- Participate in monthly Skype/officer calls.
- Check their emails regularly (at least once a week). The State Office occasionally calls on its officers for extra services during their year in office. These may include attending YMCA meetings, acting as fraternal delegate to other Youth and Government programs, and attending conferences or committees. We ask students to perform these tasks as able and will primarily communicate about these opportunities via email.
- Attend an overnight training retreat in Austin in the spring or summer after their election. Students are responsible for coordinating their own transportation to Austin. They may ride with parents or work with District Directors to arrange a Y-approved ride. Before the training, parents will sign a form authorizing student attendance and emergency medical attention.
- **Youth Governor only:** attend the Youth Governors' Conference in Washington, D.C. in June and the Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina in July.

Our program is youth-led, but we ask for your support helping our students uphold these responsibilities. By signing below, you agree to assist your student with fulfilling his or her duties as an officer if he or she is elected. You also agree to communicate promptly with the State Office and/or your child's District Director about any related concerns.

Thank you!

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Printed Child Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child Signature

District Director Signature

Date:

Please return to YMCA Texas Youth and Government State Director Angela Castilleja at angela.castilleja@austinyymca.org by January 23, 2020.