



# 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 to State Conference a day early if in high school.**
- Participate in monthly officer calls, webinars, and/or video conferences as scheduled.
- 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. The State Office and Districts will primarily communicate about these opportunities via email.
- **The following High School Officers (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, County Court Judge, Chief Justice, and all Media Editors) may attend the Junior Youth and Government State Conference in February, which is the initial officer meeting and allows officers to serve as mentors to middle school participants.**
- Attend an overnight training retreat in Austin in the spring or summer after their election if scheduled. (Dates TBD after State Conference). 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!

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**Printed Parent/Guardian Name**

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**Printed Child Name**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Child Signature**

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**District Director Signature**

**Date:**

Please return to YMCA Texas Youth and Government State Director Angela Castilleja at [angela.castilleja@austinyymca.org](mailto:angela.castilleja@austinyymca.org) by the first day of the State Conference.