

Student Name:



New Mexico YMCA Youth and Government Executive Officer Candidate Permission Form

Office Sought:

Dear Parent/Guardian:		
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Your student has expressed interest in running for an executive officer position in the New Mexico YMCA Youth and Government (NMYAG) program. Executive officers in NMYAG are elected by their peers at the annual state conference. As a student-led program, the executive officer team becomes the planning committee for all NMYAG events for the upcoming year. Serving as an officer is a significant time commitment throughout the course of the following academic year, especially during the spring semester. Additionally, there are several required participation events for individuals holding this office. By signing this form, you agree to support your student in meeting the following expectations of this commitment if they are elected.

Benefits of Serving as an Officer

This position builds teamwork and leadership skills while creating a challenging but incredibly rewarding experience for participants. This is a statewide leadership position, which supplies an opportunity to learn about the organizational requirements of planning a large conference event, while also learning specialized skills related to governance and leadership. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight on college, job, and scholarship applications. Furthermore, the program staff and leadership are happy to supply recommendation letters or references to program officers based on their contributions for college, scholarship, or other opportunities, upon request (and with advance notice of at least 2 weeks for written recommendations).

Expectations of Position

- The Executive Officer Team represents the Y and the State of New Mexico in this position. All officers must approach this position as a servant leadership opportunity in which they are expected to focus on the growth and well-being of the NMYAG delegates statewide and promote a positive and enriching conference culture for all delegates.
- Each officer must attend all Required Events and must make every effort to attend Highly Recommended Events.

Required In-Person Attendance

- Officer Training and Retreat (weekend, fall semester)
- > Youth and Government Orientation (on a Saturday, January or February)
- > Youth and Government Annual Training (weekend, early March)
- > Youth and Government Conference prep day (day before Annual State Conference)
- > Youth and Government Annual State Conference (three days, early April)

Highly Recommended In-Person Attendance

Invitational Events: Student must apply to and be accepted to participate in these events

- (Governor Only) Youth Governor's Conference (1 week, June, Washington, DC)
- ➤ Conference on National Affairs (1 week, July, North Carolina) *Invitational Event*
- (Chief Justice and Attorney General) National Judicial Competition (1 week, July/August, Minnesota) Invitational Event
- > Youth Advocate Program (Zoom trainings & DC Trip in February) *Invitational Event*
- Regional Partner Youth and Government Conference(s) (dates vary by state)

Note that scholarships are available for all events, based on student need and availability. The ability to fund the attendance to any of the listed events should not limit a student from running for this office, as we strive to make every opportunity in this program financially accessible for participants. Officers will be expected to help support fundraisers for the program and events which they will attend to make this financial support possible. Signing this form does NOT indicate a financial commitment to pay for any of the events listed.

- Each officer must attend and participate in regular officer meetings, the frequency of which will be determined by the sub-committees which they sign up for. Most meetings will occur by Zoom, some will occur in person.

 Officer input is always sought for the date/time of meetings, to accommodate as many schedules as possible.
- Each officer must take on the primary responsibility for planning the branch of the program for which their position is responsible, in coordination with program staff and according to the NMYAG Constitution.
- Officers must display the Y core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility towards program participants, their peers, advisors, Y staff, volunteers, and themselves at all times.
- Officers must work collaboratively as a team with their peers who were also elected/appointed to Executive Officer Positions.
- Under the NMYAG Constitution, it is the right of the State Director to remove any officer from their elected
 position at any time for failure to meet the expectations of their position, or for any violation to the program
 Code of Conduct.

<u>Agreement</u>

As the above-named student, I	l agree to fulfill the responsibilities a	nd commitment of this position,	, should I be elected to
the position.			

Student Printed Name	Signature	Date
As the parent/guardian of the above commitment of their position, should	3 ,	student in fulfilling the responsibilities and
NMYAG website for the duration of the	neir time in office if elected. Contact inforcecived to the state officer email addre	ne State Director, may be posted on the ormation posted will not be my student's direct esses will also be received by the State
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