WISCONSIN YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

What is Youth in Government?

Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government is a youth-led civic engagement program for teens in grades 7-12 where student-delegates simulate Assemblies, Senate, Supreme Court, Media, and Executive Branch. Delegates from across Wisconsin convene at a Model Government conference each year to debate proposals they've written to improve our state.

Democracy must be learned by each generation

There are **two ways** to learn about government: The first is to **read textbooks** about what others have done. The second is to **take that theoretical knowledge and apply it** in an **actual government setting**.

Guided by the above motto, our program builds, strengthens, and encourages life skills and positive character traits. such as confidence, respect, responsibility, advocacy, and public speaking skills.

Our delegates are **inspired** to lead and **empowered** to create meaningful change.

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2020-2021 Program Year

Now more than ever, our young people are stepping up and using their voices across the nation - **join them by joining us!** For our 2020-2021 program year, you can expect...

- **Connections** made with other students from **across the state**
- The same **great programming** you've come to expect and enjoy
- A **fully-virtual** fall rally event, complete with **guest speakers,** political compromise **activities**, friendly **debate,** and (of course) ample **social time**
- NEW **virtual workshops** throughout the year, on topics such as **government fundamentals, public speaking, persuasive writing, news literacy, grassroots advocacy, anti-racism,** and more!
- A **statewide conference** in spring - while at this time it's unclear whether this conference will be virtual or in-person, we are committed to providing an excellent experience with lots of opportunity for **leadership**, **mentorship**, and **relationship-building.**

How to get involved

We have student groups (called "delegations") already established (or being added for this program year) in many communities across the state. While the list is ever-growing, check for your community on the list below...

Chippewa Falls	Eau Claire	Green Bay	Manitowoc	Racine
Dane County	Fond du Lac	Kenosha	Milwaukee	Stevens Point
Door County	Fox Cities	Kettle Moraine	Oconomowoc	...and more!

Don't see your community listed? Don't fret!

This year, we are launching brand-new **VIRTUAL DELEGATIONS** - through this initiative, students from across the state will be able to work with a trained advisor and participate in our excellent program, without having to be attached to a locally-run group.

Ready to join us or looking for more info?

Visit **wisconsinyig.org** or contact **wisconsinYIG@gmail.com**