



# 63<sup>rd</sup> WV YLA Youth in Government

Student Legislature and Model Supreme Court

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

April 23-25, 2020 (Thur. – Sat.)

**THIS FORM IS DUE BY DECEMBER 5, 2019**

(Participation accepted after this date if space permits.)

Your group’s participation in WV YLA Youth in Government all starts with this piece of paper. Please print legibly and complete the information for your entire group. The form will help you organize yourself and collect the money and information you need to have a fantastic experience.

### FIRST—Your Group Info

Delegation/School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor/Adult Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone : ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECOND—How much does it cost?

Fees for WV Youth in Government are set well below our actual costs. Our organization finds donors and scholarship monies to ensure that every student who wants to participate has the opportunity, regardless of their financial situation. Your group’s efforts to make the process efficient will ensure that we can continue to help. Simply put, please submit your materials ON TIME, so we can do it right the first time.

YLA Students pay \$270 total (includes housing—6/room)

Non-YLA Students pay \$295 total (includes housing—6/room)

YLA Adults in a shared room pay \$150 (includes housing—2/room)

Non-YLA Adults in a shared room pay \$175 (includes housing—2/room)

YLA-Adults in a private room pay \$250 (includes housing—1/room)

Non-YLA-Adults in a private room pay \$275 (includes housing—1/room)

**\$10 Additional Fee per person that uses paper registration forms and not Active!**

### THIRD—Get your group organized.

Complete the PARTICIPATION ROSTER (page 3) to identify who will be working in each program area. Legislative delegates write their bill proposal (in pairs) to create, change, or amend a law in West Virginia. Judicial delegates work in groups of 2-4 students to write, argue, and present their case before the Model Supreme Court. Press delegates attend the event and cover the happenings through traditional print media, but also on social media platforms. Page delegates serve committees and legislative bodies to keep the process running smoothly. Lobbyist delegates select 6-8 pieces of legislation written by other students and bring information to the Legislature to influence the passage/defeat of the proposals. Officer delegates are elected/appointed prior to the event to serve in their official capacity during the 3-day session.

## FOURTH—Determine How You Will Pay Fees

As the advisor for the group, choose the plan that works best for you:

- All monies will be paid through a school/organization account. You will handle all of the collection and check requisitions. (Students may still register online.) Our Purchase Order # is \_\_\_\_\_
- Mixed Payment— Our deposits (\$75/person) will be paid (circle one)                      School Check / Online  
Our final fees will be paid by (circle one)    School Check / Online
- Everything Paid Online—Each individual (both students and adults) will register and pay the total fee online with a credit/debit card.

## FIFTH—Submit This ENTIRE Packet [Pages 1-3—Participation Agreement and Roster] with Non-refundable Deposit (by December 5, 2019)

You may mail this Participation Agreement and Roster with your payment by postmark 12/5/19 to:  
WV YLA Youth in Government  
P.O. Box 239  
Point Pleasant, WV 25550

OR Fax this entire form to (304) 675-5977 and have the Treasurer mail the check by postmark 12/5/19,

OR Scan the entire form and e-mail to yla@yla-youthleadership.org with the check mailed separately by postmark 12/5/19.

## Sixth—Prepare your Group for the Conference

- Invite our staff to come to one of your meetings to help you prepare.
- Use the online manual to ensure you are using the correct format for bill submission.
- Download the Word template for bill submission.
- **Identify & submit Officer Candidates as a group for the 2021 WV YG session (before March 1).**
- Practice, practice, practice... Hold several sessions to allow each member to become comfortable with the process. Help is just a phone call away.

## Seventh—Submit your Final Fees and Bills/Cases before the Deadline (February 10, 2020)

Using the resources online, make sure that everyone completes and submits their work to be included in the Bill Book / Case Book prior to the February 10th deadline to receive the lowest rate.

As soon as the books are printed, we'll deliver them to your address on the front sheet. Continue your practice sessions and show up in Charleston ready to debate, meet new people, and strengthen West Virginia's future.

**\$25 Additional Fee per person that doesn't meet the February 10<sup>th</sup> deadline!**

PARTICIPATION ROSTER  
WV YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT  
April 23 - 25, 2020

DELEGATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATES – List Bill Partners Together in Pairs. If you don't have a pair, 1 person may do on their own.

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JUDICIAL DELEGATES – Must have 2-4 Students per Case

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Indicate if Adults are Private (P) or Double Rooms (D)

TOTAL STUDENTS \_\_\_\_\_ + TOTAL ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL COUNT \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Deposit Required*

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## WV YLA Youth in Government

1. *Our school doesn't have a YLA group. Can we still participate in the conferences?*

We can help you start a YLA group (service and leadership development club), if you're interested. As a YLA member (\$15 affiliation dues), you will receive significant discounts on all of our programs (usually \$25 reduction in fees). You will also have the benefit of a year-round program AND a structured group to raise money for conference attendance.

2. *What if we just want to attend the Youth in Government program?*

You are welcome to attend any and all of our conferences as an unaffiliated (non-YLA) participant. You will not be eligible to run for any leadership positions, but can still participate fully in every activity.

3. *I don't have anyone else from my school (or I'm homeschooled). How can I attend?*

We often have home schooled or individual students attend our conferences. You will still need an adult advisor (usually a parent) who will attend with you. We can work with you to gather other interested students and grow the program, also.

4. *How do I decide which branch (e.g. legislative, judicial, lobbyist, etc.) to choose?*

The largest portion of the program is the legislative group. If you enjoy interacting with lots of people and want to sit in the real seats of the House or Senate, this is the best choice for you. The judicial program has a smaller number of participants, but allows you to sit as a Justice and also argue as an attorney. Lobbyists will interact with committee members in the Legislature, but do not have the ability to speak on the floor. Press and page delegates are working behind the scenes to keep us informed and keep the business of the other branches moving.

5. *What are the deadlines I need to know?*

December 5 – Participation Agreement & Roster

February 10 – Final Fees, Registration Forms, Bills/Cases Due

The process starts with this Participation Agreement and Roster, which is due by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Once you send this in with your non-refundable deposit of \$75/person (student and adult), we will send you the information you need to get started. Many of the resources are online. We encourage you to start early – you CAN send your materials in BEFORE the deadline.

Once you have sent in the deposit, begin working on writing your bill, creating your case, etc. You will complete all of this before the February 10<sup>th</sup> deadline and send in all of your materials with your final fees and registration forms for the lowest rate.

6. *What if I change my mind?*

As a leadership development program, we will encourage you to plan ahead. Your \$75 deposit is your commitment to attend and is non-refundable. If something happens, you may substitute someone in your place, but your deposit is not transferrable to the final fee of another person.

7. *We're brand new at this. Is there help available?*

ALWAYS! Just contact our office to have your District Director schedule a visit to help.