



## MEXICO AREA FAMILY YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM 2025

# YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



Youth and Government (YAG) is a statewide educational program that prepares youth for responsible leadership in the American democratic process. This model government program is a student-driven simulation of State government and political activities, which involves over 1,000 Missouri youth in grades 8-12.

At the YAG State Convention, students create their version of a legislative session under the guidelines of the Missouri Constitution. YAG participants in Missouri come together for a three-day event at the State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO. Legislators meet in committees and in the House and Senate Chambers to debate legislations. Attorneys will try their cases before student judges and engage in mock trial competitions. A student-led newspaper covers the entire event and includes a television program that airs several times a day. Participants engage in campaigns and elections for offices which they will serve the following year.

Students eligible to participate must be enrolled in Mexico Middle School, Mexico High School, or St. Brendan's School.

This year the convention will be held NOVEMBER 13-15 in Jefferson City. All 8th-12th graders are welcome to participate.

Advisors include: Brooke Oliver, Leslie Nichols, Julie Duncan, Vanessa Lamb, Matt Robnett, & Brendan Webber.

For more information visit [www.moyag.org](http://www.moyag.org)

**INFORMATION SESSION: SEPTEMBER 3 @ 6:00PM IN THE Y CAFÉ**  
**MANDATORY PARENT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9 @ 3:00PM**

**Cost:**

**TOTAL FEE: \$360**

**Due by October 31st to Mexico YMCA**

If you apply to MOYAG for a scholarship, YMCA staff will inform you of the award and adjust your fee prior to October 31st. Maximum scholarship award is \$250.



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# CONVENTION DETAILS



**COST:** Total Fees \$360

- DATE:**
- The convention is **November 13-15** in Jefferson City. The students and chaperones will stay at the **Capitol Plaza Hotel**. The convention will be conducted from the state capitol and the hotel.
  - The bus will leave from the YMCA at **10:30AM on Thursday the 13th**. Please arrive at **10:15 AM** with your luggage. Pickup at the YMCA will be **around 2 PM on Saturday the 15th**.

### DRESS CODE:

- Students must be in "**Capitol Dress**" Thursday morning. You can wear walking shoes to the capitol and then change to dress shoes.
- Most of the time the students must be in "Capitol Dress". Thursday and Friday evening are casual dress. Please follow the school dress code.
- You will be doing a lot of walking. **Wear comfortable shoes**.
- Capitol Dress or "business professional" consists of:
  - **Men-** must wear a suit, a shirt and tie with a sports coat. Dress shoes and socks are required. No denim or leather clothing, letter jackets, shorts, or hats may be worn.
  - **Women-** must wear a suit, dress, or a blouse and blazer with a skirt or dress slacks. Dress shoes are also required. No denim or leather clothing, leggings, letter jackets, shorts, or hats may be worn. Skirts and dresses should have a hem no higher than 3" above the knee.
- All participants must wear MOYAG nametags on the outside of their clothing at all times during MOYAG functions, including at the hotel.

### MEALS:

- **High school students will need money for all meals except Saturday lunch**. There is a breakfast bar and breakfast cart in the hotel; it costs about \$10-\$12. We recommend packing breakfast for the room. There are several restaurants within walking distance and the students will be given plenty of time to get there and back. Students will be encouraged to dine in groups.
- **Eighth grade students will be provided all meals except breakfast**. They will need to bring money for breakfast or pack their own



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### WHAT TO BRING:

- The students are allowed **one suitcase** and a backpack OR garment bag. Students must be able to carry their own bag.
- Students will need to bring one **3-ring binder**. They will receive a convention manual and bill book upon arrival and will place them in the binder.
- Pens/Pencils/Sticky Notes

### FRIDAY EVENING:

- ALL students (High School and 8th grade) will-attend a YAG Party to be held at the hotel on Friday.
- Students will be provided a YAG t-shirt to wear on Friday evening.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Students please review the convention schedule prior to departure. You will be held responsible for being at your program sites for the whole convention.
- Bring a good attitude and lots of patience.
- The chaperones this year are **Brooke Oliver, Brendan Webber, Julie Duncan, Vanessa Lamb, Matt Robnett, and Leslie Nichols**. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.
- **Wear your name tags at all times!**
- Bring band-aids, pain relievers (Tylenol, etc) and personal products
- You are responsible for your valuables. If you choose to bring a laptop, tablet or camera, you are responsible for them at all times.
- Each student has signed a Code of Conduct; Please conduct yourself accordingly.
- We will do bed checks every night at curfew.
- Parents are welcome to attend opening ceremony, closing ceremony or any of the sessions. If you let us know you are coming, we will help you find a great place to observe.
- If a student leaves with a parent, Mrs. Oliver must have that in writing. **No exceptions!**
- Advice to sophomores: you can run for many offices as a junior; pay attention to the campaigns and get as many ideas as possible for next year! Make friends/alliances from other delegations.
- **Have fun and learn!**

#### Advisors:

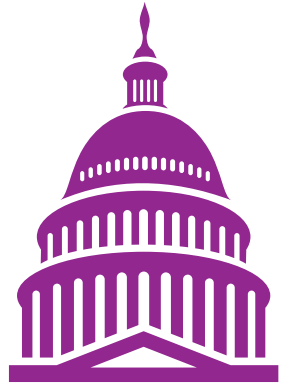
Brooke Oliver: (573) 721-2219  
Leslie Nichols: (573) 721-6321

#### Volunteers/Chaperones:

Julie Duncan  
Vanessa Lamb  
Matt Robnett  
Brendan Webber



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# IMPORTANT DATES

## PARENT MEETINGS:

- **September 3–**
  - Required for First Time participants. All parents welcome!
  - 6:00 PM in the Y Café
- **November 9– Mandatory Parent Meeting**
  - 3:00PM in the Y Café

## PRACTICES 1PM–2PM IN THE Y CAFÉ

### HIGH SCHOOLERS ONLY

- **September 14–Bill Ideas**
- **September 28–Bill Research & Writing**
- **October 5–Bill Writing & Submission**
- **October 26–Practice Debates**

## OTHER DUE DATES

- **September 18**
  - Registration Forms due to the Mexico Area Family YMCA
  - Registration Fee due
  - Scholarship Applications due online moyag.org
  - Program Leadership Applications due online moyag.org
- **October 10**
  - Conference Registration Fees due to Mexico YMCA
  - Legislative Bills & Candidate Filings due online moyag.org
- **October 31**
  - Total Fee must be paid in full by this date or you will not be able to attend the conference.

## CONFERENCE:

- **November 13–15**
  - Bus leaves Mexico YMCA November 13th at 10:30AM
  - Conference ends November 15th at 12:00PM



# MISSOURI YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM 2025

## 2025 MOYAG Student Registration Form

Form must be completed by September 18th. Fee due by October 31st.

**SUBMIT THIS FORM TO MEXICO AREA FAMILY YMCA ONLY.** The Y will register you online.

### 1. Program Area

Select the program area you plan to participate in at the State Conference

\*All 8th Grade Participants will be in the Civic Leadership Institute.

**Legislative**

**Media (Print & Video)**

**Judicial**

**Civic Leadership Institute\***

### 2. Student Information

**First Name:**

**Preferred Name:**

**Last Name:**

**This will be my \_\_\_\_\_ year in YAG.**

**Grade:**

**Age:**

**Gender:**

Which gender do you identify with?

**Male**

**Female**

**Non-Binary**

**Other:**

**Pronouns:**

These will NOT be printed on your nametag. We will make available pronoun buttons/stickers for students to add at the conference to your nametag/lanyard if you want to share them.

**he/him/his**

**she/her/hers**

**they/them/theirs**

**Other:**

**Ethnicity:**

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

**Yes**

**No**

**Prefer not to say**

**Race:**

How would you best describe yourself?

**American Indian or Alaska Native**

**Asian**

**Black or African American**

**Prefer not to say**

**Hispanic**

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**

**White**

**Other:**



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## 2025 MOYAG Student Registration Form

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### 2. Student Information Continued

**Date of Birth:**

**High School Graduation Year:**

**T-Shirt Size:**

### 3. Contact Information:

Be sure to enter accurate information so YAG can keep in contact with you about the program prior to the State Conferences.

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Can YAG send you text messages?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Email:**

It is recommended that you use an email other than your school email address. Many of the forms and documents are Google-based, which can be challenging to access with a school email address. If you do not have a personal email address, you can set one up for free at [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com).

### 4. Parent/Guardian Information

**Name:**

**Relationship to You:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Additional Phone #:**

**Parent/Guardian Email:**

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### AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to utilize the facilities, services and programs of the YMCA for any purpose including, but not limited to observation or use of facilities and equipment, or participation in any off-site programs affiliated with YMCA, the undersigned for himself/herself and any other personal representatives, executors, and administrators, WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Mexico Area Family YMCA, their directors, officers, employees and their agents for any and all injuries and other damages which he/she may suffer in connection with his/her participation in the program or any other activities.

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**Parent's Signature**

**Print**

**Date**

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### Photo Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to be photographed. Their photo may be used to promote this program on Facebook, YMCA website,  
Flyers, and Newspaper/Radio

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**Parent's Signature**

**Date**

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### Transportation Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to be transported as part of the YAG program. I understand that a bus chartered by the YMCA will  
transport my child. I understand that there may be circumstances where my child will need to ride in a  
personal vehicle of a listed advisor or approved chaperone if there are extenuating circumstances  
such as medical or personal need.

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**Parent's Signature**

**Date**



# YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT STUDENT SAFETY & CODE OF CONDUCT FORM

# 2025

## STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns (Allergies, Illnesses, Injuries, Operations, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions (food allergies, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Prescribed Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

YMCA advisors have my permission to provide the following medication, or their generic equivalent, in accordance with the recommended dosage and intervals of administration. Initial each to indicate approval.

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Strength Tylenol \_\_\_\_\_ Ibuprofen \_\_\_\_\_ Aspirin \_\_\_\_\_ Benadryl \_\_\_\_\_ Pepto-Bismol

## PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give permission to the YMCA to sign onsite waivers of liability on my behalf. I hereby give additional permission to the physician selected by the YMCA representative to order X-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the attending physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child named on this form. I understand my insurance will cover this expense, or I will assume responsibility for medical expenses resulting from illness and/or injury.

## TRANSPORTATION

I hereby grant the YMCA permission to transport my child by bus or other necessary vehicle for program purposes or medical need.

## ROOMING POLICY

I understand that rooming is assigned by gender and that I will share a room with other students, and in many cases, a bed with another student. No more than two students will be assigned to a bed.

## REFUND POLICY

I understand that all fees are non-refundable. In the case of extenuating circumstances, a portion of payment may be refunded by the YMCA based upon written request from the student, parent, or advisor.

## MEDIA RELEASE

I understand that I may be photographed, videotaped, or appear in other media which may be featuring YAG programs.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

I hereby declare that I have read and agree to follow the YAG Code of Conduct. Signing below is an agreement that binds both parent/guardian and student to the policies contained within the Code of Conduct.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_