



YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

*Parent Information Meeting
September 2nd @ 6:30PM
at the Mexico YMCA*

Mexico High School Students Only <<<

There will be TWO conventions this year

NOVEMBER 12-14 or DECEMBER 3-5

You may only attend one!

REQUIRED PRACTICES 1PM-2PM @ THE Y

September 13

Bill Ideas

September 27

Bill Research & Writing

October 11

Bill Writing & Submission

October 25

Practice Debates

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.

7th & 8th grade conference will occur in Spring 2027

*Registration Fee: \$25 due by 9/14
Conference Fee: \$350 due by 10/30*

Mexico Area Family YMCA

573-581-1540

► mexicoymca.org

Volunteers/Chaperones

**Julie Duncan, Matt Robnett, Brendan Webber,
Brooke Oliver, Leslie Nichols**



MEXICO AREA FAMILY YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM 2026

DETAILS

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 of your convention week**. Please arrive at **10:15 AM** with your luggage. Pickup at the YMCA will be **around 2 PM on the Saturday of your convention week**.

- 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.
 - **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, letter jackets, shorts, or hats may be worn.
 - All participants must wear MOYAG nametags on the outside of their clothing at all times during MOYAG functions, including at the hotel.

- MEALS:**
- **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. Many students choose to order DoorDash to the hotel.

- 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

- MISC.**
- 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. One child per sleeping space (3 to a room).
 - 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!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 14**
 - Program Leadership Applications due online moyag.org
- **October 16**
 - Legislative Bills & Candidate Filings due online moyag.org
- **October 30**
 - Total Fee must be paid in full by this date or you will not be able to attend conference.
- **November 8th**
 - Mandatory Parent Meeting: Pre November Conference ONLY
- **November 29th**
 - Mandatory Parent Meeting: Pre December Conference ONLY



MISSOURI YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM 2026

2026 MOYAG Student Registration Form

This form with \$25 deposit must be turned in by September 14th to the YMCA.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____

Program Area: _____

Judicial

Legislative

Media

Place a check next to your desired conference date:

Max of 30 students per conference. We will do our best to accomodate your choice.

November 12th-14th

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OR

December 3rd-5th

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*Judicial must select this conference

If you are only available for one conference due to extra curriculars or family events, please provide reason: _____

I would like to apply for financial assistance (circle one):

YES

NO

We will send you a link to apply for financial assistance (\$250 max award).
Your application must be completed online by 10/2.

*If you would like to break your fee up into payments, please contact
janice.mcintosh@mexicoymca.org

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