



# CALIFORNIA YMCA YOUTH & GOVERNMENT 73RD MODEL LEGISLATURE & COURT LEADERSHIP & ELECTIONS

## Category One: Statewide Leadership

**Each delegation that is formed may only run one delegate for Youth Governor or Youth Chief Justice throughout the course of the program year.** For example, if your delegation submits a candidate for Youth Governor and they win the primary (during the Fall Session) then you cannot submit a candidate for the position of Youth Chief Justice; however, if your delegation submits a candidate for the position of Youth Governor and they lose the primary at the end of the Fall Session you may then nominate a delegate for the position of Youth Chief Justice.

## *74th Youth Governor (Fall, Winter & Spring Election)*

The Youth Governor and Chief Justice hold the highest elected positions within Youth & Government. It is their responsibility to preside over all of the programs, represent our state at national and international events and be a voice for all delegates. If elected, you will join a special group of young people who have gone on to be inspiring leaders in fields across the state as well as the nation.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be a Junior in high school.
- You must submit a completed permission slip signed by your parent or guardian.
- You must be registered for all three sessions of the 73rd Model Legislature & Court.
- The Intent to Run form for youth Governor is due by **Thursday October 29th 11:59pm.**

### Selection Process:

- There will be an Open Ranked Choice Primary at the end of the Fall Model Legislature & Court session with four candidates moving on.
- There will be a Ranked Choice Primary at the end of the Winter Model Legislature & Court session with two candidates moving on.
- The Final Election will be held at the end of the Spring Model Legislature & Court session.

### Deadlines:

- Fall Model Legislature & Court Deadlines
  - The Application (Airtable) to run is due **Thursday, October 29th by 11:59pm.**
  - All 74th Youth Governor applications will be approved by the Lead Advisors by **Friday, October 30th by 12:00 PM / NOON.**
    - The Youth Governor permission slip must be signed by the parent or guardian and lead advisor. (due in application)

- Youth Governor candidate headshot. (due in application)
- The Youth Governor candidate statement (due in application)
  - The statement may be no more than 200 words in length.
  - The content of your statement must focus on an issue facing the state of California.
  - Candidates cannot include references to proposed changes to program areas or California YMCA Youth & Government at large.
  - Statements must be Y-appropriate and be inline with the Core Values.
  - We reserve the right to not publish candidate statements that are counter to the values and principles of California YMCA Youth & Government.
- A 60-second campaign video is due **Thursday, November 12th by 11:59pm** by email to [elections@calymca.org](mailto:elections@calymca.org).
- Winter Model Legislature & Court Deadlines
  - [Optional] Updated headshots and bio due **Thursday, January 14th by 11:59pm.**
  - Participate in mandatory candidate town hall **Thursday, January 28th at 4:30pm.**
  - Interview with Y&G media program **the week of February 1st.**
  - Primary Round 2 campaign disclosure form with all signatures and initials due **Thursday, February 11th by 11:59pm.**
- Spring Model Legislature & Court Deadlines
  - [Optional] Updated headshots and bio due **Thursday, February 25th by 11:59pm.**
  - Participate in a mandatory candidate debate **date TBA.**
  - Interview with the Y&G Media Program **the week of March 15th.**
  - Final election campaign disclosure form with all signatures and initials due **Thursday, March 25th by 11:59 pm.**

### **74th Youth Chief Justice (Winter & Spring Elections)**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be a Junior in high school.
- You must have one year of Model Legislature & Court experience.
- You must turn in a permission slip signed by your parent/guardian.
- You must be registered for both the Winter and Spring Session of the Model Legislature & Court.
- The application to run for Youth Chief Justice is due by **Thursday January 14th by 11:59pm.**

#### Selection Process:

- The Open Ranked Choice Primary will take place at the end of Winter Session of the Model Legislature & Court with two candidates moving on.
- The Final Election will take place at the end of Spring Session of the Model Legislature & Court.

#### Deadlines:

- Winter Model Legislature & Court Deadlines
  - Application to run is due **Thursday, January 14th by 11:59pm.**

- Youth Chief Justice permission slip must be signed by parent/guardian and lead advisor. (due in application)
- Youth Chief Justice candidate headshot. (due in application)
- Youth Chief Justice candidate statement. (due in application)
  - The statement may be no more than 200 words in length.
  - The content of your statement must focus on an issue facing the state of California.
  - Candidates cannot include references to proposed changes to program areas or California YMCA Youth & Government at large.
  - Statements must be Y-appropriate and be inline with the Core Values.
  - We reserve the right to not publish candidate statements that are counter to the values and principles of California YMCA Youth & Government.
- A 60-second campaign video is due **Thursday November 12th by 11:59pm.**
- The Open Primary Campaign Disclosure form with all signatures and initials due **Thursday, January 28th by 11:59pm.**
- Spring Model Legislature & Court Deadlines
  - [Optional] Updated headshots and bio is due **Thursday, February 25th by 11:59pm.**
  - Participate in Mandatory candidate debate. (**date TBA**)
  - Interview with the Y&G Media Program **the week of March 15th.**
  - Final Election Campaign Disclosure Form with all signatures and initials is due **Thursday, March 25th by 11:59pm.**

### Category Two: Program Area Elected Leadership

Each delegation may submit one delegate in category two per Winter and Spring Sessions of the Model Legislature & Court.

*There are no Category Two positions in the Fall Session of the Model Legislature & Court*

### Category Three: Appointed Leadership

Each delegation may submit up to five delegates in category three during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Model Legislature & Court session.

### Special Rapporteurs (Fall Session)

*The Special Rapporteurs will serve as group leaders during the Fall Session of the Model Legislature & Court. Have an idea that you think could help to make our country a better place to live? Tired of hearing that a young person couldn't possibly know the answer? Apply to be a Special Rapporteur today! In this position, it'll be your job to lead your peers as you work to come up with creative new solutions to some of our country's oldest problems.*

Requirements:

- You must be registered for the Fall Session of the Model Legislature & Court.
- Returning delegates are preferred for this position.
- The application is due **Thursday November 5th by 11:59pm.**

Selection Process:

- Delegates who apply for Special Rapporteurs will be interviewed **Friday November 6th or Saturday November 7th.**

### **73rd Youth Governor's Chief of Staff (Fall, Winter, & Spring Sessions)**

*The Governor's Chief of Staff will partner with the Youth Governor as they work together to execute a vision for a stronger Youth & Government for all delegates. For this year only, the Chief of Staff is first in line to assume the role of Youth Governor (if necessary).*

#### Requirements:

- You must be registered for the Fall Session of the Model Legislature & Court to apply, if selected you must register for the Winter and Spring sessions as well.
- Returning delegates are preferred for this position.
- The application is due by **Thursday November 5th by 11:59pm.**

#### Selection Process:

- Delegates who apply for Governor's Chief of Staff will be interviewed **Friday November 6th or Saturday November 7th.**

### **Youth Governor's Cabinet (Fall, Winter, & Spring Sessions)**

*As a member of the Youth Governor's Cabinet, it is your role to help shape the Youth Governor's vision for the year. You'll work on issues you are passionate about and help the Youth Governor and all delegates understand why they are so critical. For this year only, members of the cabinet are second in line to assume the role of Youth Governor if necessary.*

#### Requirements:

- You must be registered for the Fall Session of the Model Legislature & Court to apply. If selected you must register for the Winter and Spring sessions as well.
- Returning delegates are preferred for this position.
- The application is due **Thursday November 5th by 11:59pm.**

#### Selection Process:

- Delegates who apply for Governor's cabinet will be interviewed **Friday November 6th or Saturday November 7th.**