



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA TEXAS YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

YMCA Texas Youth & Government is a statewide, youth led, civic engagement program for high school and middle school students. It is an exciting hands-on experience in the mechanics of the state legislative and judicial process of government along with print and broadcast media. Students across the state of Texas participate in their local District Conference and culminate the experience in a four-day State conference in Austin, Texas.



MISSION

To help teenagers become responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation.

GOAL

To create an environment in which students can increase their political awareness and understanding, while learning the meaning of social action through an actual experience in government.



TESTIMONIALS

"This program has changed my life in so many diverse ways. I have more confidence in myself, my speaking abilities, and my knowledge of state, national and international issues. Youth and Government is a program like no other. I would highly recommend this program to every single one of my friends. It is not just a program about proposing bills and debating, it is a program full of life lessons and life long friendships. I love it with all my heart."

"We are so fortunate that we are able to use the real House Chambers! It is something we cannot experience in a classroom! I had the chance to present my bill that I worked hard to write and research. I had amazing debate and I was thrilled when it passed!"

Students indicated:

- 92% Skills and abilities have improved because of being part of Y&G
- 95.3% Program has exposed them to new life experiences
- 97.3% Program has had a positive impact on student
- 83.3% Learned how to speak and write effectively on public issues
- 85.20% Learned to listen to others (especially those with whom you disagree)
- 84.25% Learned communication skills and persuasive argument

Call today for more information!

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