

# COLORADO YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Colorado YMCA Youth in Government Program is to aid high school students in gaining knowledge of governmental organization and structure through participation in a mock legislative process. With the support of a school advisor, students participate in a one-day training program, the pre-legislative assembly, and a three-day general assembly. The general assembly will be held at the Colorado State Capitol. Throughout the general assembly, students assume the roles of senators, house representatives, lobbyists, pages, and media representatives as they draft bills, discuss them in committees, and debate them on the floors of the Senate and House chambers. Leadership development, public speaking, and written language are but a few objectives of this fun and educational experience.

## Registration Form

- **Registration Deadline: October 28, 2011**
- **General Session Training (Choose 1 of the following)\*:**
  - \* **General Session Trainings are MANDATORY. For necessary exceptions please Email: [troberts@denverymca.org](mailto:troberts@denverymca.org)**
  - October 18, 2011 5:30-7:30pm – GST (Denver)**
  - October 20, 2011 5:30-7:30pm – GST (Boulder)**
  - Online GST training, TBD \*Email [troberts@denverymca.org](mailto:troberts@denverymca.org)**
  - For more information**
- **General Assembly: November 21-23, 2011 – State Capitol**
  - **November 21nd 8:30-5:00 pm**
  - **November 22rd 8:30-5:00 pm**
  - **November 23th 8:30-1:00 pm**

**Register online at [www.denverymca.org](http://www.denverymca.org)**  
**The cost for the 2011 program is \$75.00 dollars per student.**  
**(Please Print in Blue or Black Ink ONLY)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in program (including this year): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If new to the program, student who referred you to the program: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOICES:**

1. Students must select their top three areas of interest (i.e. #1 for their first choice, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_Senate \_\_\_\_\_House \_\_\_\_\_\*\*Press \_\_\_\_\_Lobbyist \_\_\_\_\_Attorney

\*\* Students who wish to hold the Editor-in-Chief position in the press must submit, with this registration form, a “piece” of their writing that is approximately 500 words.

2. Party Affiliation:  Democrat  Republican  Undecided  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3a. If student is also running for an elected or appointed position, please check appropriate position(s):

\* Appointed positions will be for the 2011 assembly. Elected positions will be elected at the 2011 assembly to serve during the 2012 assembly.

- Attorney  Attorney General  Chaplain of the House
- Chaplain of the Senate  Clerk of the House  Clerk of the Senate
- Committee Chairperson  Head Lobbyist  Lt. Governor
- Secretary of the House  Secretary of the Senate  Senate President
- Sergeant-at-Arms/House  Sergeant-at-Arms/Senate  Speaker of the House
- Supreme Court Judge  Supreme Court Justice  Youth Governor

3b. Please check one regarding nomination form for elected or appointed position:

Nomination form(s) is attached  Nomination form(s) had already been submitted

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_Check      Mail completed registration form and check payment to:  
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver  
Attn: YIG Program Office  
27151 East Lake View  
Aurora, CO 80016

\_\_\_\_\_Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_Discover \_\_\_\_\_Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_Visa  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Payment has already been made on-line at [www.denverymca.org](http://www.denverymca.org)

**YMCA Program Release for Participants**

The YMCA of Metropolitan Denver will not assume responsibility for any injury while participating in the Youth in Government Program. Nor will the YMCA be liable for lost or stolen items while participating in programs. I give permission for the YMCA, without obligation to me, to use any photographs, film footage, and tape recordings of this event, which may include my child’s voice or image for purposes of promoting YMCA programs. I give permission for my child to receive email communication as necessary for the program. I, the undersigned for myself, me heirs and assign, do hereby release the YMCA, and it’s branches, employees, and agents from any and all claims for injury, death, loss or damage I may suffer as a result of my child’s participation in this event.

## Code of Conduct

Registration for the Youth in Government Program implies personal acceptance of the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. Each delegate shall conduct him/herself in an orderly manner at all times during the program.
2. It is the responsibility of each participant to attend **all** scheduled sessions and activities and remain in their assigned areas during these sessions.
3. Each delegate will respect the property of others and that of the conference facilities and State Capitol. The future of our program's use of the Capitol facilities and other buildings is contingent on proper treatment of these places. Buildings and equipment **MUST** be kept in the same (or better) condition than when they were found. Do not disturb or remove any equipment, desk, fixtures, etc. Each delegate is liable for the willful destruction of private or public property.
4. **Chemical use is prohibited!** This includes drinking alcohol and/or use of illegal drugs. Use or possession of alcohol or non-prescription drugs is forbidden. Smoking is **not** permitted in any facility used by the program.
5. Strict adherence to the dress code is required during all sessions.
6. For security purposes, participants **MUST** wear their name tags at all times when on Capitol grounds and in other buildings used during the General Assembly.
7. Elevators are reserved for the use of Capitol staff and actual representatives. Youth in Government participants are asked to use the stairs with the exception of those students with a disability or injury.
8. Participants must remain in the areas of the capitol set aside for the program and should use only the public restrooms found in the basement and cafeteria.
9. There is to be **NO** food or beverage of any kind (except water) allowed in any chamber, program area, or committee room. The only place that food is allowed in the Capitol is in the basement cafeteria.
10. Each individual is expected to conform to all rules and regulations for the conference. Participants who violate the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of participation in the program and **being sent home at their own expense.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date