

CALIFORNIA YMCA YOUTH & GOVERNMEN MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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# ANTIDOTE TO APATHY



by California YMCA Youth & Government.

Young people in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade,
called Ambassadors, participate in the program
with their peers. While engaged at the YMCA,
they are given the opportunity to discuss
international issues, discover other cultures,

MUN is a Model United Nations program offered

develop life enhancing skills, and make new friends. The four-month program culminates when Ambassadors from around the state meet at the YMCA's annual Model United Nations Summit in Irvine, California.

### MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of California YMCA Youth & Government to ensure that leadership, democracy, and the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility are learned by each generation.

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### What do you do in MUN?

In MUN, students role play as Ambassadors of foreign countries. They attend weekly meetings at their local YMCA where they work with exceptional adult role-models and become experts on the issues related to their country, so that they can represent it at the annual Model United Nations Summit. In MUN, student Ambassadors:

- Give speeches
- Run for statewide and local office
- Vote in elections
- Debate international issues
- Dress professionally
- Participate in committees
- Meet students from around the state
- Attend age-appropriate social events
- Make new friends
- Speak their mind



## What do MUN Ambassadors learn?

While learning about international affairs, politics, economics and diplomacy, Ambassadors develop:

- Increased self confidence
- Public speaking skills
- Basic and complex social skills
- Their thoughts by writing in a logical and organized format
- An awareness of national and international issues
- An understanding of physical and cultural geography
- Interests in politics and economics
- The ability to formulate complex thoughts about the world around them
- Thoughts about right and wrong actions

#### How do I join?

To participate in MUN, parents of interested young people contact their local YMCA.

For more information about the MUN and a list of delegations in your area visit our website:

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to view a short video about this life enriching program.

