

YMCA Youth Governors Conference

CONFERENCE POLICIES AND BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The policies and guidelines listed below are based upon the desire to create a healthy, safe, and professional environment for the Youth Governors' Conference. Your signature and participation in this year's YGC indicates personal acceptance of these policies and guidelines.

As a Youth Governor, I understand that disregard of any part of these guidelines and policies shall have bearing on my status as a delegate at the Youth Governors Conference, may result in the relinquishment of the opportunities afforded me by my home Youth In/and Government program, and that I will be sent home at my own expense.

1. I am aware & understand that the intent of this conference is to provide participants with a training experience to prepare them for their state legislative session and is not solely an opportunity to see the sites of the nation's capital or opportunity to visit with non-participants/family/colleges.
2. I am committed to being a part of this insider's experience, and will take advantage of the up close and personal education in how governmental policies are made at the federal level, as well as gain insight into the concept of Servant Leadership.
3. I am aware & understand that conference leadership expects Youth Governors to make an enthusiastic commitment of full conference participation which including activities, discussion groups and workshops presented.
4. I am aware & understand that during the conference, Youth Governors will not be released to anyone other than their parents unless advanced arrangements have been made with the Conference Director, including a **notarized letter from parent/guardian**. Participants will not be permitted to miss scheduled activities.
5. I am aware & understand that the possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or firearms is grounds for the offender to be sent home immediately, at his/her parent's expense.
6. I am aware & understand that the Youth Governors Conference is a **smoke-free conference**. Smoking is prohibited at all times, and will not be permitted at any conference activity, including activities in the dorm.
7. I am aware & understand that all curfews as stated within the conference schedule are **NON-NEGOTIABLE**. Youth Governors are required to have adequate rest during their participation at the conference. For this reason, Youth Governors are **required** to be in their own dorm room by curfew and quiet by 12:00 a.m. (or at the posted time by the Conference Leadership Team). Governors may not leave their room after curfew.
8. I am committed to being alert with adequate sleep during each day of the Youth Governors Conference. Dozing off during speaker presentations or workshop sessions is **not acceptable** and may result in being removed from activities.
9. I am aware & understand that Youth Governors are responsible for their travel to the conference facility. Once checked in with the Conference, Youth Governors are not permitted to leave and are expected to adhere to the guidelines and policies of the conference as set by the Conference Leadership Team.
10. I am aware & understand that during the course of conference activities and events, Youth Governors are not permitted to wander from the main group for timeliness and safety.
11. I am aware & understand that Youth Governors are expected to arrive **early** for all scheduled activities.
12. I am aware & understand that Youth Governors are expected to model behavior of a young professional and demonstrate a supportive and positive attitude at all times.

I am aware and understand that the violation of any part of these policies shall have bearing on my status as a delegate of the Youth Governors Conference, and if determined appropriate by the Conference Leadership, my actions may result in being sent home at my own expense.

Delegate Name (Please print) _____

Delegate Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____