

California YMCA Youth & Government sponsors two programs that involve young people in learning about democracy: the **Model Legislature & Court Program** (for 9th—12th grade students) and the **Model United Nations Program** (for 6th—8th grade students). The focus is hands-on learning—learning about issues that face our state, our country and our world, learning about how to speak up, how to speak out and how to work with others. Learning, in short, about who you are and what you have the potential to become.

That's why learning about democracy is really just the beginning of a life changing experience.



## California YMCA Youth & Government Mission Statement

**We build values-based  
leadership and civic  
engagement in California's  
youth to strengthen our  
democracy.**

# Supporting Change

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## Because Of Contributions Last Year

Over 2,700 High School Students  
and Advisors Participated in the  
YMCA Model Legislature & Court

More than 600 Middle School  
Students and Advisors Participated in  
the YMCA Model United Nations

85 YMCAs were involved in programs  
that ensured "Democracy Is Learned  
By Each Generation"

Financial Assistance was granted to  
over 90 YMCA delegations statewide



**Our 2013 Future Leaders Campaign  
goal is \$350,000 and your donations  
are directed to...**

YMCAs and other organizations that are  
operating a delegation in an underserved  
community where financial hardships exists.

Delegations in the state that demonstrate the  
need for financial assistance through an  
application process

YMCAs that are starting up a new delegation  
and need assistance to get the program going in  
their areas.

## 2% IS NOT A SOLUTION

**No more than 2% of California high  
school students have been reached by  
our State's youth leaderships  
development organizations.**

**In an era where there is a serious lack  
of confidence in the civic health of  
California, we need to engage larger  
numbers of California Youth in the  
common experience of learning and  
living democratic values.**

**California YMCA Youth & Government  
needs your help to expand the  
numbers of youth and YMCAs  
participating in this development of  
leaders and citizens.**

**The results of a study found that YMCA Youth &  
Government alumni are more likely to:**

	General Population	Y&G Alumni
Register to vote	66%	96%
Work on community issues	17%	43%
Member of a board	3%	15%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25%	88%

"The Endowment for California Leadership  
believes it falls on us to persuade, convince and  
inspire young people with the talent for  
leadership that they can make a difference in the  
future of their community and our society.

Inviting and challenging them to develop  
leadership abilities is crucial, especially for  
young people without easy access to the  
"system" through family and community  
connections. I believe that California YMCA  
Youth & Government is aligned to be the perfect  
organization to do this."

-Steve Willmont, CEO & President  
California YMCA Youth & Government



*"The program challenged me to connect my  
personal values to real life social issues and  
gave me opportunities to speak my mind  
and not be afraid of making a stand."*

*-Past Model Legislature & Court Delegate*