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Arizona Youth and Government Civic Health Champions School Scholarship





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Join the YMCA's Youth and Government program for the 75th annual fall program, Model Legislature and Court. Learn how the Arizona legislative process works by living it, meeting new people, and having fun!

Students will work in Delegations to prepare for the model legislature and court conference. During the conference, participants will "take over" the Arizona State Capitol, where they will debate, run for office, and pass legislation.



Program Overview:

The Arizona Youth and Government Program has provided experiential learning to students for 74 years. Youth and Government (YAG) provides young people hands-on experiences in state legislative, judicial and media programs. Through these experiences students practice civil discourse; they are encouraged to find issues they care about in their community and through this program they learn how to create change through state government. Participants are inspired to lead, and are empowered to become agents of meaningful change in their communities.

Model Legislature and Court: Beginning in August 2022, students work virtually to identify issues they care about and they learn the legislative process. Students write bills, learn parliamentary procedure, create political parties, and debate policy. The semester concludes with the State Model Legislature Court Conference occurring the first weekend in December at the Arizona State Capitol. This program is open to students in grades 6-12.

This is your invitation to create a delegation and apply for funding to launch your program.



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Common Core Standards we meet:

Under course considerations students in grades 9 – 12 have the opportunity to become engaged citizens in the State of Arizona, understanding our legislative systems and all branches of government. Students have a hands on opportunity to understand the purpose and role of government, limits and powers of the legislative, judicial, and executive branch, the legislature, governor and the bureaucracy, and the state courts, law-making process including the role of civil discourse, media literacy including the roles of media and types of media, elections, voting, and voting behavior, opportunities for participation, campaigns, laws governing elections, voter turnout, and barriers to voting. The following core standards are incorporated into the Youth and Government program: HS.C1.3, HS.C1.4, HS.C2.1, HS.C2.3, HS.C2.4, HS.C2.5, HS.C3.2, HS.C3.3, HS.C4.1, HS.C4.2, HS.C4.3, HS.C4.4, HS.C4.6, and HS.C4.7.



What the Y provides

- ◇ An annual teacher stipend up to \$500
- ◇ Funding for 10 student participants at your school
- ◇ An all inclusive experience for youth, starting with program training, leadership experiences, leading to a culminating experience.
- ◇ Program curriculum for the semester: September through December
- ◇ Virtual training meetings and conferences
- ◇ Conference accommodations (meals and lodging) and materials
- ◇ A YMCA program director to personally assist your new delegation with registration and program questions as well as recruitment help
- ◇ Opportunities for leadership roles for advisors and students





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Delegation Scholarship information:

Valley of the Sun YMCA has received generous donations and is excited to offer an annual teacher stipend and 3-year Delegation Scholarship opportunity to support your new delegation. The Scholarship is designed to provide 90% funding the first year of your program, 60% funding the second year of your program, and 30% funding for the third year of your program. The remaining per-student fee is the responsibility of the student and/or sponsoring school. This Scholarship application is due to the State Director by May 27th, 2022, the schools accepted into this Scholarship Program will be notified by the week of June 6th, 2022.

The model is designed to support 10 students and 1 advisor annually. The student fees support the costs of advisor participation.

	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Civic Health Champion Teacher Stipend	Up to \$500	Up to \$500	Up to \$500
YMCA Scholarship Amount	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$550
Per-Student Fee Remaining	\$20	\$75	\$150

YMCA Civic Health Champion Teacher Stipend:

YMCA Civic Health Champions are local educators who take on the role of Advisor in Youth & Government. The role of the Advisor is equal parts mentor, teacher, and confidant. Advisors play a critical role in the Arizona Youth & Government Program. The key roles of an Advisor include creating and supervising your local school-based delegation, mentoring delegates as they prepare for the conference, and supervising at all conferences. As an Advisor, you teach youth civic engagement and civil discourse through hands-on learning. This year the Arizona Youth & Government Program is offering a stipend to 16 Arizona Teachers who are interested in creating a thriving delegation at their school.

One teacher per school is awarded \$250 to be the program advisor. An additional \$250 stipend is awarded at the end of the program when 10 students have attended and completed the program. See job description on our website for full details.

Program Requirements:

- ◆ Provide one designated advisor/ chaperone
- ◆ Recruit 10 students for your delegation
- ◆ Attend state-wide trainings, meetings, and conferences





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Key Dates for Advisors:

Date	Time	Training/ Meeting	Location
January– May	N/A	Civic Health Application Open	Online
June	N/A	Civic Health Champion Schools Announced	Email
July 20, 2022	6:00pm-8:00pm	New Advisor Training Option 1	ZOOM/ in person
August 24, 2022	6:00pm-8:00pm	New Advisor Training Option 2	ZOOM
September 30th, 2022	n/a	Delegation Declaration Deadline	Online
October 31st, 2022	N/A	Student Registration Closes	Online
November 5th, 2022	10am-3pm	Pre-Legislative Conference	ZOOM
November 16th, 2022	6:00pm-8:00pm	Staff & Advisor Meeting	ZOOM
December 2nd-4 th 2022	8:00am Fri- 5:00pm Sun	Conference	AZ Capitol & Hotel





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Key Dates for Delegates:

Date	Time	Training/ Meeting	Location
August 31, 2022	6:00pm-7:30pm	Arizona Delegation Meeting	ZOOM
September 28th, 2022	6:00pm-7:30pm	Arizona Delegation Meeting	ZOOM
October 26th, 2022	6:00pm-7:30pm	Arizona Delegation Meeting	ZOOM
September 16th, 2022	N/A	Rough Draft of Bills Due advisor	Online
October 31st, 2022	N/A	Final Draft Due	Online
October 31st, 2022	N/A	Student Registration Closes	Online
November 5th, 2022	10am-3pm	Pre-Legislative Conference	ZOOM
December 2nd-4 th 2022	8:00am Fri-5:00pm Sun	Conference	AZ Capitol & Hotel





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Submission Instructions:

Please fill out the following google link by May 27th, 2022

<https://forms.gle/pdPK1pfYiEU3HXeqZ>



The 16 schools accepted to the Civic Health Champions Scholarship Program will be announced Via email the week of June 6th 2022.



Questions & Meetings :

Looking for more information we would love to meet with you in person or virtually!

Questions and meeting invites can be sent to Deontez Wimbley and Elise Nilles at Deontez.wimbley@vosymca.org and elise.nilles@vosymca.org

We are looking forward to receiving your application for the 2022/ 2023 School year!

Sincerely,

The Arizona Youth and Government Team

Elise Nilles (State Director)
Deontez Wimbley (Outreach Director)

