

OHIO YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Ohio YMCA Youth in Government is a three-day learning conference in which students participate directly in a simulation of the democratic process. YIG offers students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



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**BUILD.
ENCOURAGE.
STRENGTHEN.**

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WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Legislative Branch

Student representatives and senators elect their leadership, research current events, and write bills throughout the year. For these legislators, the mock legislative experience culminates by debating their bills on the Ohio House and Senate floors and seeking signature. Students can also participate as lobbyists and pages.

Executive Branch

Each year, the mock legislative experience hosts the race for next year's Youth Governor. Candidates create platforms and advocate their qualifications during the gubernatorial debate and through "grassroots" campaigning. Once elected, the Youth Governor becomes the leader and face of the program. The Youth Governor hand-selects his or her student cabinet who seek the passage or failure of bills based on the Youth Governor's platform.

Judicial Branch

In Ohio Supreme Court chambers, student justices preside over a mock appeals court. Following review of student attorney-drafted briefs and oral arguments, the justices deliberate and issue their opinion at the end of the mock government experience.

Press Corps

Media can be considered the fourth branch of government. Student journalists research and write articles, post to our blog, and conduct taped interviews to keep the rest of the participants up-to-date at each event and throughout the entire program year.



GET STARTED TODAY

Get a CLUB started in your community, visit OhioYMCAyig.org

Local YMCAs, schools, and other community organizations across Ohio host monthly meetings with the support of the Ohio Alliance of YMCAs. Students prepare for State Assembly and other leadership training at those meetings. A dedicated adult advisor helps each local club organize meeting spaces, events, and fundraising.

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