

## HISTORY

The program was founded in 1936 in Albany, New York. Its purpose is to help high school boys and girls understand the process of government and help them prepare to participate in it. Youth and Government ultimately spread to over 40 states with California joining in 1949. Today there are well over 2,000 high school students from all over the state that participate within the Youth and Government program. Affiliated with the YMCA, California's Youth and Government Model Legislature and Court program is entering its 59<sup>th</sup> year.

## THE PROGRAM

Students form delegations and meet weekly to discuss research and write a bill. Delegates come together for two statewide training conferences in order to learn about various facets of government, to practice debating bills, and socialize with high school students from over 80 locations in California.

The program culminates with a five day trip to our State's capitol. In Sacramento delegates assume roles in government, such as Senators, lobbyists, or members of the media. Delegates are allowed to role-play in California's actual Senate Chambers, Supreme Court and Governor's offices. In Sacramento, every delegation's bill is presented, debated and voted upon.

Youth and Government offers many opportunities to learn about and experience various positions within government. Programs such as the Judicial Program including trial, jury trial, appellate, judicial review, Supreme Courts, a dual legislative program, print and video journalists, print media, broadcast journalism, legislative lobbyists, and legislative analysts.

## FEE \$850.00

Registration for Youth and Government covers fees for trips, hotel reservations, flights, shuttles and sweatshirts.

The Youth and Government program does offer a scholarship fund that reimburses the delegate after the Youth and Government year. The YMCA also offers financial scholarships.

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Providing people of all ages lifelong opportunities to become stronger in spirit, mind and body.



We provide financial scholarships for anyone who cannot afford our services or programs. Application available at Member Services and on our website: [www.burbankymca.org](http://www.burbankymca.org)

#### **Our Promise**

To support members of all ages in their pursuit of a healthier lifestyle.

To provide excellent programs & services in a well-equipped facility.

To be responsive to the ever-changing needs of our members

To incorporate our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into all of our programs and services.

To welcome all and never turn anyone away.

#### **Facility Hours**

Monday –Friday  
5:30 am - 10:00 pm

Saturday  
7:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday  
12:00 - 5:00 pm

#### **Member Services**

##### **Office Hours**

Monday –Thursday  
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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strong families, strong communities.

## **CALENDAR**

The Youth and Government program takes place between September and February of each calendar year.

Throughout this time period, delegates participate in training conferences that take place at Camp Roberts in Paso Robles, CA. Training and Elections Conference 1, known as “Bob 1” takes place in November and Training and Elections Conference 2, or “Bob 2” occurs in January.

Training Conferences, Bob 1 and Bob 2 are both three day weekends.

Prior to the completion of the Youth and Government program a “Bill Hearing Night” takes place at the YMCA. Delegates are encouraged to discuss their experiences within the program, the role they will take on in Sacramento, and the concept for the bill that is to be presented at the capitol.

Finally, in February delegations make their way to our state’s capitol, for a five day stay in Sacramento during which time delegates role-play, speak on bills, and interact with students from all over California.

## **MEETINGS**

From September to February, students meet once a week during the evening. Meetings are led by the delegation’s President as well as a male and female advisor.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Traditionally, Youth and Government delegates also volunteer throughout the year at many YMCA fundraisers and community outreach events.

## **CONTACT**

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