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OPEN TO ALL
STUDENTS IN
GRADES
7-12

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

OSHKOSH COMMUNITY YMCA
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



The YMCA Youth in Government (YIG) program seeks to foster the next generation of thoughtful, committed, and active citizens.

It provides a unique experience to learn how to be civically engaged by acting as state legislators, lawyers, justices, and members of the media. Students simulate all phases and positions of the actual Wisconsin State government and are challenged with real and current issues. The program engages hundreds of students from across the state each year. Individual delegations meet starting in the fall and the program culminates with a weekend-long trip to the state capitol in Madison for our Model Government session.

GET INVOLVED!

- Build skills for the real world
- Student-led program with leadership opportunities
- Fun, challenging, non-partisan program
- Learn to organize your ideas clearly and persuasively
- Meet students from different racial, cultural, economic, and political backgrounds
- Build self-confidence and improve your public speaking skills
- Stand out in job interviews or on college applications.

YIG is open to students of all backgrounds, opinions, and regions of the state.

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FOR ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.

Through FOR ALL Financial Assistance, everyone - regardless of their financial circumstances - can belong to our Y, participate in programs, and improve their lives.

HOW IT WORKS

YIG participants, called "delegates," are given the option to participate in one of three main program areas:

Legislative (Assembly & Senate): Delegates write their own bills to be debated and voted upon at Model Government in Madison. Bills are one-page proposals on any subject that students would like to see changed in society.

Supreme Court: Delegates play the dual role of lawyer and justice. Each are assigned a case and a position and must write a brief defending their stance. They will also serve as justices on the court bench.

Press Corps: Delegates act as journalists and visit all of the areas in the program to create their own newspaper and multimedia content. *There is also an executive branch, which is made up of students elected into the positions of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State.*

LEADERSHIP CORPS: Delegates (7th grade) work in small groups to create bills, argue court cases, write media articles, and gain exposure to all YIG program areas. In early March, student delegates from across the state gather in Madison for the annual YIG CONFERENCE, exploring ideas, making new friends, and building the skills to take action.

INCLUDES ALL THIS + MORE!

The full program includes all meetings and resources for the 4+ month program season, two nights' lodging at the Best Western, a State Dinner on Saturday, private meeting spaces at the hotel and State Capitol, and evening activities.