



ADULT PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

As an adult participant in the Illinois YMCA Youth and Government Program, I realize that such a privilege involves certain responsibilities. I hereby agree to conduct myself according to the following standards:

1. I will be present in all program areas/responsibilities assigned for local delegation meetings, training, Pre-Legislative Regional Session 1 to be held November 1 or November 2, 2019 (depending on my location in the state) and Pre-Legislative Sectional Session 2 to be held December 6 or December 7, 2019 (depending on my location in the state), and the Springfield Assembly to be held February 28-March 1, 2020.
2. I understand that my role is not only that of an educator in the democratic process, but also to foster values and training in the respect for diversity and self-esteem.
3. I will serve as a role model in the demonstration of respect for every facility occupied by Youth and Government. This will include no smoking/vaping/other use of tobacco or food or drink except in areas specifically designated by the Youth and Government Program. I will also demonstrate utmost respect for the student smoking ban as described in of "Expectations of Adult participants" in the Delegation Advisor Manual or Volunteer Handbook.
4. At the Springfield Assembly, I will not chew gum on Saturday or Sunday, except in the Stratton Cafeteria, outdoors, or during free, unscheduled time at the hotels.
5. I understand that serving as an adult participant is contingent upon signing a release form for a criminal background check, as well as the successful completion of said check.
6. I understand that I will be assigned to various duties of supervision during the Assembly weekend and will fulfill those responsibilities as assigned.
7. At no Youth and Government function with students present will I use or possess any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs, abuse or misuse prescription drugs, or weapons, nor will I participate in any gambling activities.
8. I will conform to the same dress code (available on the website under Students tab) as the students for all Pre-Leg and Assembly Activities.
9. I will assume financial and legal responsibility for any damage to property which I may cause.
10. I will take a cell phone to the Springfield Assembly and make the number for that phone available to Youth and Government staff.
11. *If I am an advisor with a delegation*, our delegation advisors will be accessible and in close proximity to our students whenever possible at Youth and Government events. I further understand that this rule includes all times at the Springfield Assembly – especially Saturday evening before, during, and after the Saturday evening entertainment, at which time I will either be at an assigned duty or assisting with the safety, security, and supervision of the participants.
12. *If I am an advisor with a delegation*, I understand that all fees are non-refundable. In the case of extenuating circumstances, a portion of the second payment may be refunded by action of the Board of Directors based upon written request.
13. Further, I understand that the penalty for violating this Code of Conduct, for contravening the purpose/mission of the YMCA, or for neglecting to assist with supervision as assigned, may be cause for suspension or expulsion from the Illinois YMCA Youth and Government Program. *If I am an advisor with a delegation*, the Authorizing Entity for my delegation will also be contacted.
14. I will abide by all policies and procedures adopted by YMCA Youth and Government, as well as take all actions and perform duties and obligations as directed by YMCA personnel.

If I am an advisor with a delegation, I have reviewed the Expectations of Advisors in the Delegation Advisor Manual and this Adult Code of Conduct; if I am not a delegation advisor, I have received information about the expectations of volunteers and the Volunteer Handbook, and reviewed this Adult Code of Conduct. I understand that my affiliation with the Youth and Government Program may be terminated by the Board of Directors of the program if I am found to be in violation of any of these expectations.

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Print Full Name

Date

Signature

PHOTO & VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING RELEASE

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Print Full Name

Date

Signature

BACKGROUND CHECK RELEASE WAIVER

I authorize Illinois YMCA Youth and Government and their background check company to retrieve information from all government agencies, companies, corporations, law enforcement agencies at the federal, state or county level, relating to my past activities; and, I authorize these entities to supply any and all information concerning my background. The information received may include, but is not limited to, residential, litigation, personal history, driving records, and criminal history records. I understand that Youth and Government will not do a credit check. I understand some or all of this information may be transmitted electronically and authorize such transmission. I agree to complete the background check online when notified to do so from either the Youth & Government office or their background check company.

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Print Full Name

Date

Signature