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ILLINOIS YMCA YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

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70th General Assembly Highlights

Top Four Elected Officers

1. Governor Logan Graham
2. Chief Justice Breanna Goyea
3. Lt. Governor Annuva Shandilya
4. Secretary of State Sarah Abraham

1,045 PARTICIPANTS

- 580 Legislators
- 117 Legislative Assistants
- 119 Lobbyists
- 171 Judicial Participants
- 38 Newspaper Staff
- 20 Video Press Staff

- 167 Bills were written and presented; 67 were passed and signed by Governor Graham.
- Senator Steve McClure, and Representatives Chris Miller, Mike Murphy, Chris Welch and Kathleen Willis came to see our program and meet the kids.
- Our top four elected officers, along with a newspaper and video press student, were interviewed by the Sam Madonia Morning Show on WFMB. To listen, visit our YouTube page (search "Illinois Youth & Government").
- We were featured on ABC Channel 20 in Springfield! This video is also on our YouTube channel.
- In addition to the 1,045 student participants, 165 adult volunteers and 21 college staff volunteers attended the General Assembly.

Thank You To

Representative Kathleen Willis

77th District

Thank you, Representative Willis, for visiting and spending so much of your valuable time with our students this year. As an alumna of Illinois YMCA Youth and Government, we realize you are uniquely aware of the importance and profound impact this program has on the lives of our participants. Thank you for your continued support!

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Fundraising Campaign Update

2018-2019 Fiscal Year
(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

We are extremely grateful for the amazing financial support we receive from our donors. We would not be able to run this program without your continued support and commitment to our success. If you have not yet renewed your contribution this fiscal year, please take the time to do so.

$217k
Campaign goal for fiscal year

$138k
Raised to date (since 7.1.18)

Dear YMCA,

It would be very appreciated to get assisted in paying for my child in order for her to participate in the Youth and Government club at her school.
I remained unemployed for the majority of last year, 2018. And although I have started a new job, I remain financially unstable. I am single-handedly supporting my household, since my husband is unemployed and struggling to get a new job. Nevertheless, I wish for my children to be able to participate in activities like this to provide them with opportunities to build skills and help them with their future. Paying these fees, along with the debt from my family's failed attempt at establishing a small business, makes it very hard for me to pay for additional clubs. It would be heartbreaking if my child was unable to participate in a club as beneficial as this, because of our financial state. My daughter is an ambitious and hardworking student who would love to be in her school's Youth and Government. Please help me make it possible for her to do that.

-2019 Parent Scholarship Request (Granted!)

Dear YMCA Youth & Government Donors,

Your generosity is very much appreciated by students like me. Although I plan to pursue a career within the science and technology field, I believe government and politics are extremely important to the prosperity of my generation. The experience I will gain from being a Youth and Government participant will help me become more informed about our government and help me tackle future political decisions I have to make. Your generous gift will not only benefit me, but it will also benefit my community and my family. My family has always envisioned me making a change, but doing so has been very difficult during the past few years due to my father's cancer diagnosis. Thank you for giving me this incredible opportunity to become a better person and a better citizen for our country.

-2019 Student Delegate

Scholarships Breakdown

1,045 Students

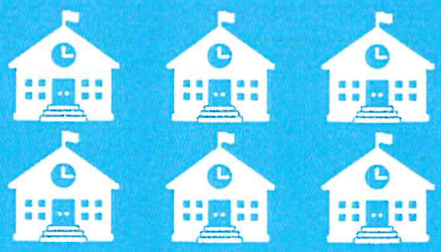
$562
Actual Cost / Participant*

$340
Fee per Participant*

$222
Scholarship Received by Every Participant*

*numbers based on 2018 actual program expenses and participants

$9,385
Full & Partial Scholarships To:



Six New Delegations

$7,340
Scholarships to Student Applicants who Requested Assistance

Annual Fundraising Campaign Donors

(as of 5.1.19)

Once again, this year no student was turned away due to an inability to pay! We could not have done this without the incredibly generous support of the following donors:

Foglia Family FOUNDATION

LEGACY CIRCLE ($10k+)

- Foglia Family Foundation

GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE ($2.5k - $9.9k)

- Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs
- Daniel & Laura Hamilton
- Sean Nelson & Robin Hulshizer
- Geno & Mary Beth Valente

CAPITOL CLUB ($1K - $2.5K)

- Allen & Sue Moore
- Jean Tello
- JCPenney Communities Foundation

ILLINOIS CLUB ($500-$999)

- James & Teresa Clark
- David & Nancy Livingston
- Don & Mary Beth Nelson
- Joseph Pavel
- Nick Romano
- Steve & Geri Sorenson
- Richard & Carolyn Stubblefield in Memory of Sara Stubblefield
- Joan Wolak

SPRINGFIELD CLUB ($250-$499)

- Bruce & Marsha Beatty
- Diane DeLorenzo
- Representative Mary Edly-Allen
- Senator Dale Fowler
- Robbie & Jesica Gonzalez
- Jared & April Knapp
- Zach Koutsky in honor of Tim Johnson
- Kristin & Scott Miller
- Brad & Shari Moore
- Representative Lindsay Parkhurst
- Kevin & Amanda Tucker

PATRON ($100-$249)

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- United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
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- Kevin Worland
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- Adam Zmuda

FRIEND ($1-99)

- John & Margie Alexander
- Janice Barnes
- Will Belmonte & Alexis Belmonte in memory of Jonathan W. Gouriotis
- The Brainerd Family in memory of David Johansen
- Emmet & Susan Fairfield
- Michael Galuza
- Craig & Melodee Garner
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- John Powell
- Lyle Staab
- Troy Stevens
- Gino Tomaro
- Mark Tucker
- Pat Usher
- William & Ann Welsh
- Shirley Wilgenbusch
- Kaase El-Talabani & Sara Youssef

A Note From the Outgoing Governor

From the Desk of Youth Governor Logan Graham

The year I've spent as the Youth Governor has been extraordinarily important to me. When I ran for the position, I knew it would help me sharpen my policy, public speaking, and leadership skills. What I did not know, however, is that it would help me to develop fundraising and organizational management skills (the kind of things I can actually put on a resume!). I have never been able to work on a project so large in scale that I have cared so much about. In fact, my experiences in Youth and Government has opened up non-profit work as a possible career path for me and has done a lot to help me in the direction of my original career love: politics. Knowing that I will still be able to work with this fantastic program that has given me so much makes me incredibly happy. I am confident that Matthew Thery will wonderfully continue this program's sterling 70-year tradition of student leadership, and I know Illinois Youth and Government has a lot of great things to come.

-Logan Graham, 2019 Youth Governor

About Illinois YMCA Youth & Government Program

Illinois YMCA Youth & Government is a mock government program for high school students in Illinois. We are a part of a nationwide Youth & Government network affiliated with the YMCA of the USA.

Our mission is to provide the youth of Illinois with an immersive educational experience to inspire and promote life-long leadership, ethics, responsible citizenship and self-confidence through participation in a unique model state government program.

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