

ELECTION REGULATIONS

Any qualifying student, from any district, may seek any available office by running in the general conference election or by running in his/her respective component during the conference, with the following restriction:

- No school shall run candidates for more than 5 available leadership positions. This DOES NOT mean one school cannot run more than 5 candidates. The number of candidates run by each school shall not be limited, so long as those candidates are seeking no more than 5 offices. (This 5 office limit SHALL NOT include the office of Governor or officers in the Press Corps, Lobbyist component, and Supreme Court.)
- Should there be offices sought by no candidate, students to fill those positions shall be appointed by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

GOVERNOR

Gubernatorial candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Attendance at a minimum of 2 Youth in Government conferences (Attendance in the election year does count as one of the 2)
- A minimum of 1 conference having served on the Governor's Cabinet, **OR 2 consecutive hours** spent observing the Governor's Cabinet in action, documented proof of which must be obtained from the GC component leader and submitted to the YIG Executive Director at the conference. This observation time **MUST** be served in the election year, and again, must be consecutive time, not cumulative. (Time may not be served on Friday or Sunday morning.)
- Advisor Approval
- Behavior in keeping with the YMCA core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.
- Delivery of 1 candidate speech outlining his/her qualifications and vision for the state and participation in the Gubernatorial Debate.
- Candidate speeches should be **issue-based**. Just as the sitting governor outlines his/her vision and supported legislation, gubernatorial candidates should use the current proposed legislation as a guide for outlining his/her policy views in a candidate speech.
- If you are running for Governor, you will receive an additional Gubernatorial Candidate Supplement that further explains the responsibilities of gubernatorial candidates.

ALL OTHER OFFICES- (EXCLUDING COURT, LOBBYIST, & PRESS)

- Attendance at **one** Youth in Government conference. (Current year counts towards this requirement)
- Submission of Candidate Nomination Form by Final Deadline
- Advisor Approval
- Strong Peer Leadership Skills
- Working general knowledge of parliamentary procedure
- Candidate speeches must be issue based and submitted for approval to the CCE by designated deadline. Candidate speeches must be germane, pertaining to you and your desire to lead. A funny anecdote alone does not make your speech germane.

COURT, LOBBYIST, & PRESS

- Attendance at **one** Youth in Government conference (Current year counts towards this requirement) and participating in voting component.
- Submission of Candidate Nomination by deadline set at the conference
- Strong Peer Leadership Skills
- Candidate will give speeches in their component prior to voting. Speeches must be issue based and germane, pertaining to you and your desire to lead. A funny anecdote alone does not make your speech germane.

ELECTION DON'TS

- Do not make stickers or labels.
- Do not hang anything on any wall (Hotel or Capitol). Candidates must provide easels for display of posters.
- No posters of ANY kind are allowed in the Capitol or Legislative Plaza (even on easels).
- No distribution of candy, food, bubbles, or anything could be potentially messy.
- Do not do or distribute anything that is not Y-Rated! This could result in the removal of your candidacy.
- Do not spend more than \$100.
- Do not behave in a way that violates the YMCA core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The election for 2020 officers is scheduled for Saturday in the State Capitol at the Cordell Hull Building, Capitol, and Supreme Court. This will be the only opportunity for delegates to vote, so please encourage them to do so.
- Delegates may only vote at the voting machine assigned to their respective component. Machines will be clearly marked with component signs.
- Each delegate may only vote once. The CCE provides poll workers for supervision of voting.
- All candidates, except those seeking the office of Governor, will have an opportunity to make speeches during the opening ceremony on Thursday. Gubernatorial candidates will be required to participate in a debate on Thursday evening following dinner. Candidates will deliver their campaign speeches at the Governor's Banquet on Friday evening.
- Winners are determined by simple majority vote. There will be no run-offs unless there is an exact tie between any top candidates.
- For Gubernatorial Elections Only: If there is a large field of gubernatorial candidates, a run-off will be held at the discretion of the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Each candidate may spend **NO MORE** than \$100.00 on his or her campaign, donated materials included. Please **KEEP ALL RECEIPTS**. In the event there is a question raised about campaign expenditures, any receipts become public domain.

Ads may be purchased for the Bill Book/App through the YMCA CCE.

Documents for the ads must be received by the Final Deadline.

Rates shall be as follows:

½ Page Ad \$10.00

1 Page Ad \$20.00