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# WELCOME TO THE YMCA'S YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM! Parent Handbook

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# Requirements & Expectations

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To attend the Conference you must follow these guidelines:

- Attend at least 80% of delegation meetings
- Turn in one bill - individual or group
- Meet deadlines for bill submissions, conference role applications, financial assistance and BOTH registration websites
- Attend Pre-Conference
- Complete one volunteer opportunity (see page 4)
- You must pay your club dues (including travel fee) on our local website before you will be sent the link to register for conference. The two different websites are not related and will require different passwords and usernames.
- Participants are **required** to volunteer at one event for the YMCA. The dates and events vary starting in October. Specific details for each event and sign up information can be found on our [Youth and Government page](#).

## Important Dates

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- OCTOBER 18: Open Doors Applications Due  
**Travel Fee Increases**
- OCTOBER 31: Club Dues and Travel Fee Deadline\*  
(Registration instructions on page 3)
- NOVEMBER 2: Mock Trial and Media Applications Due
- NOVEMBER 17: Pre-Conference at Forsyth Tech (*Location Subject to Change*)
- DECEMBER 3: Lobbyist and Candidate Applications Due  
Bills Due  
**Conference Registration Increases to \$591**
- DECEMBER 11: Conference Registration Closes
- JANUARY: Parent Meetings (specific dates will be announced at a later date)
- FEBRUARY 14-17: Youth Legislature Conference in Raleigh

\*You CANNOT attend or register for conference until this is done. Once you register for the club you will get an email with Conference registration instructions.

## Cost Breakdown

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**\$40 Club Due** – All club members will pay this. This fee goes towards staffing needs, materials, etc. This will be paid on our local website [ymcanwnc.org](http://ymcanwnc.org).

**\$85 Travel Fee** – Only members who plan on attending the Triangle’s Annual Conference in Raleigh will pay this fee. It covers transportation and chaperone costs. This will also be paid on our local website [ymcanwnc.org](http://ymcanwnc.org). You will pay this at the same time you register for the club dues. **The travel fee increases to \$100 on October 18.** If you have questions about the cost of the club dues please contact [r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org).

Note: The travel fee was previously paid through the state conference registration website at the time of conference registration but now must be paid through our Y’s website at the time club dues are paid.

**\$491- Conference Cost** – The statewide conference is hosted by YMCA of the Triangle in Raleigh, who determines all pricing. The cost covers three nights in a hotel in downtown Raleigh, three dinners, three breakfasts, material costs, shuttle costs in Raleigh, entertainment, etc. If you have questions about the cost of the conference please contact [leigh.dauchert@ymcatriangle.org](mailto:leigh.dauchert@ymcatriangle.org).

Note: Because the YMCA of the Triangle hosts the conference, all fees must be paid through their website. Unfortunately, we are not able to handle fees in a single website or transaction at this time, but we are working to make this process as smooth as possible.

# Club Dues Registration Instructions

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Before you can register for the Conference you MUST pay your Club Dues and Travel Fee:

1. Go to [ymcanwnc.org](http://ymcanwnc.org) and either login or create an account using **parent** information. (click "login" in the top right hand corner and select Potential Member at the bottom if you do not already have an account)
2. Add your teen to the account
3. Register for Youth and Government
4. Complete Payment
5. You will be emailed a link to register for Conference

PLEASE NOTE YOUR LOGIN AND PASSWORD FOR THE NWNC WEBSITE AND THE TRIANGLE WEBSITE WILL BE DIFFERENT.

If not attending conference, you will only need to pay your club dues.

## Financial Assistance

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We understand that this is a costly program. The YMCA is a nonprofit organization that is committed to not turning anyone away due to inability to pay.

Please visit our website to complete the [Open Doors Application](#) if you are in financial need or interested in a scholarship.

Applications MUST be submitted to the **William G. White Jr., Family YMCA** on 775 West End Blvd. in Winston Salem or scanned to [j.jordan@ymcanwnc.org](mailto:j.jordan@ymcanwnc.org)

All applications must be submitted with the following documentation by OCTOBER 18.

- Your most recent 1040 tax return. If you did not file, we will need verification of non-filing status from the IRS.
  - If you did not claim your children, please provide dependent verification (birth certificate, insurance card, etc.)
- 2 most recent paycheck stubs for everyone in the household who is working
- Proof of any other sources of income that you claim

Please keep in mind at this time Financial Assistance is only applied to conference registration.

Additional scholarships are available through the YMCA of the Triangle. Please see [ncyag.org](http://ncyag.org) for more information.

## Refund Policy

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Club Dues are Non-Refundable. Travel Fee is Refundable Through November 30.

Conference Registration-Visit [NCYAG.org](http://NCYAG.org) for refund policy

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q: Why are there two separate fees on two different websites?**

A: There are two main components of Youth & Government: Delegation Meetings and Conference. Your local NWNC YMCA Association runs delegation meetings throughout the year and arranges transportation to Conference. That is why you pay your Club Dues and Travel Fee to the NWNC website.

The Triangle YMCA Association out of Raleigh operates Conference. Therefore, you register and pay for Conference through their website.

### **Q: It seems like the price has increased significantly this year. Is that the case?**

A: Because of the way fees are collected this year, we understand how it may seem that the fees have increased significantly. However, there has been a less than 3% change in the total costs for this upcoming YAG season. We are simply collecting the travel fee at a different time than conference registration to minimize the confusion at time of conference registration.