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YMCA OF NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA

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Our Mission: "Helping all people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body." Financial Assistance Available.

Requirements & Expectations

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
- You must pay your club dues 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

- OCTOBER 11: Open Doors Applications Due
Club Dues Increase to \$175
- OCTOBER 28: Club Dues Deadline*
(Registration instructions on page 3)
Mock Trial and Media Applications Due
- NOVEMBER 16: Pre-Conference
- DECEMBER 2: Lobbyist and Candidate Applications Due
Bills Due
- DECEMBER 9: **Conference Registration Increases to \$596**
- JANUARY: Parent Meetings (specific dates will be announced at a later date)
- FEBRUARY 13-16: Youth Legislative 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

\$125 Club Dues –This fee goes towards staffing needs, materials, transportation, and chaperone costs. This will be paid on our local website ymcanwnc.org. **Club Dues increase to \$175 on October 11**. If you have questions about the cost of the club dues please contact r.thoresen@ymcanwnc.org.

\$496- 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.

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

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

1. Go to 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 NUNC WEBSITE AND THE TRIANGLE WEBSITE WILL BE DIFFERENT.

Financial Assistance

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

All applications must be submitted with the following documentation by OCTOBER 11.

- 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 for more information.

Refund Policy

Club Dues are partially refundable if your child does not attend conference.

Conference Registration- *Waiting on updated refund schedule from the Triangle*

Frequently Asked Questions

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 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: Cost of the conference has increased by \$5 dollars since last year. Local Club Dues are the same price as last year.