[The New York State YMCA Youth and Government program](http://www.ymcanys.org/yag) is a Model State Government where hundreds of our state’s brightest teenagers will gather to debate the important issues of their communities and state. Taking over the Capitol Building for a day to discuss their own ideas, students from around the state write bills and attempt to make them law, acting as Representatives and Senators in the actual Statehouse chambers. Many others will argue important legal points while participating in the Judicial Program.

This year YOUR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION will be sending a delegation to this conference. The conference will be held Friday March 10th, 2017 to Sunday, March 12th, 2017 and will be located at [The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, NY](http://www.desmondhotelsalbany.com/). We will meet to leave at MEETING TIME AND PLACE and return at RETURN TIME AND DATE.

Students will need professional outfits as outlined in the dress code and two casual outfits. To be considered for a spot in the delegation your student needs to turn the forms attached by FORM DEADLINE. The Forms attached that must be returned are:

* + Student Code of Conduct
	+ Health and Medical Release
	+ OTHER FORMS REQUIRED BY YOUR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION

Students will be expected to demonstrate a willingness to work on their own time as well as a commitment to being servant leaders in their community. The cost for this conference will be CONFERENCE COST FOR YOUR GROUP each. Payment is to be made by PAYMENT METHOD to PAYMENT RECIEVER by PAYMENT DEADLINE. The policy of the conference is that there will be no refunds for cancellation.

The legislation the students present is not expected to be tedious or extremely lengthy. While hundreds of ideas discussed first by the Youth Legislature have gone on to become law, the first priority is familiarizing your students with their rights and duties as citizens, as well as the importance of healthy and respectful debate on public issues. This program builds students confidence by showing them how important their voice can be, and how many other young people care about their communities.

Parent’s Statement: I support my daughter/son in her/his participation in the YMCA Youth and Government Conference in Albany. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Advisor or State Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

### Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_