

New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2018 - 2019 OFFICER NOMINATION

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

Chief Justice

Name: **Meghan McGurl**

Year in school: 11 Number of years in Y&G: 4

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

It is my fourth year in Youth and Government, this is my second year as a justice. Currently, I am the principal justice of my district which has given me more of an opportunity to see the jobs of a Chief Justice. I'm also the captain of my schools cheer team and am involved in many other school activities such as key club, drama club and soccer.



Describe a situation in which you were a member of a group engaged in discussion in order to reach a decision. What steps did you take to ensure the quality and fairness of the outcome?"

This past year I had received the opportunity to volunteer at a homeless shelter for a week in Philadelphia with other teenagers from upstate New York. During this time we had to elect people to do different jobs throughout the week, we did this by seeing what peoples talents were and most importantly seeing what each person was comfortable with. If people were confident and comfortable talking to strangers they would greet the homeless people coming to eat while if they were more reserved those people would serve food. This was a very significant situation because it showed everyone's jobs were important and that each person was appreciated which helped everyone volunteering truly have an amazing week helping the community.

Define servant leadership and describe how you plan to incorporate this if elected into office:

I believe servant leadership is the ability to put others needs before your own. If I am elected into office I will incorporate servant leadership into the judicial branch by listening to everybody's thoughts and trying to include the ideas of everyone. I will also make myself available to help anybody with their cases no matter where in the state they live. Lastly, I will try my hardest to unify judicial more, encouraging discussion between districts throughout the year to create strong debates against one another. I believe servant leadership is a crucial part of the Youth and Government program and I will incorporate it as much as I possibly can if elected into office.