

# New York State YMCA Youth & Government 2018 – 2019 OFFICER NOMINATION

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

**Lieutenant Governor**

**Name: Benjamin Herman**

Year in school: 11      Number of years in Y&G: 2

**Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:**

- 2017 CONA Delegate
- 2017-2018 Senate Liaison
- Treasurer of my local Youth and Government Club
- Service Learning Project Liaison for District 6
- Link Crew Leader (Leadership program assisting freshman at my high school)
- Member of Homer High School soccer, track and tennis teams
- Volunteer coach and referee of youth soccer



**In regards to your platform, what are 2-3 issues you deem important to the delegates of New York State and how do you plan to support their advancement?**

The youth are the future, and therefore the education of them is always a necessity. However, the decline of education of our nation and our state is clear, with New York at only 23<sup>rd</sup> in the nation. Many teachers and students have become frustrated with the confusing and ineffective Common Core standards. Because of this, I will support education reform, especially reform that is supported by teachers.

Additionally, we cannot sit idly by while our world is being destroyed. The environment is being increasingly threatened, with raising temperatures, trash filled oceans, and countless endangered species. It is crucial to look for ways to save the environment. I will support bills that propose creative solutions to these problems.

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

Servant leaders are not defined by their resume, but rather by their effect on others. They are defined by how well they inspire, guide, and teach others to become leaders in their own respect. Servant leadership is about raising everyone up, not about towering over them. A servant leader sets the tone that others follow, something that I am looking forward to doing. If elected Lieutenant Governor, I will look to help others at every turn, and work to unlock each delegate's potential, as both a leader and an informed citizen. Finally, as a leader of the program I would work my hardest to create the best possible experience for each delegate.