

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

I declare my candidacy for the position of:

**Speaker of Assembly Freedom**

**Name: Robert Henn**

**Year in school: 11      Number of years in Y&G: 3**

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

I have participated in Youth and Government for three years within the legislative branch as a bill sponsor. During this time, I have presided as a Committee Chair at last year's State Conference and twice at my District Conferences. Most importantly, I currently have the distinct honor of serving as your Deputy Speaker of Assembly Freedom. After attending numerous leadership conferences at Camp Greenkill, I have learned how to properly execute parliamentary procedure, sharpened my leadership skills, and gathered numerous attributes and experiences from a wide array of delegates from all over the state. Along with Youth and Government, I serve as a Witness on my school's award winning mock trial team and reside as an active member of National Honor Society. These factors have all propelled me into the belief that listening to opinions of others is at the core of servant leadership, which is essential in order to succeed in the position of Speaker.



**If you were faced with a bill topic that goes against your personal standpoint, how would you effectively handle the matter?**

From my previous experience in Youth and Government, there have been a variety of bills that I have come to agree with and disagree with. However, concerning a bill that I have a dissenting opinion on, I would listen to the bill with an open mind and hear what the sponsors have to say. As a leader, I have no right to stop a person from expressing their views and opinions which every person is entitled to; instead I would help them in every way possible to create a strong and presentable bill. As Speaker, I would enliven their ability to present their bill that they worked tirelessly on and aid them in putting across their opinions and ideas to the Assembly.

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

Servant leadership is the act of putting the concerns and thoughts of others before your own. Standing true to this value, I feel that it is imperative to work for the needs of others before those of myself. Within this program, we have the ability to harness a government of the youth, by the youth, and for the youth, of which should always be executed in this manner for every delegate. As Speaker, I will effectively incorporate servant leadership into my actions by certifying that each delegate's opinion is heard during my time in office and encouraging all members to participate in the program to not only debate and state their opinions, but to make a difference within our state and for the future generations of the program to come. Through my immense passion for the program, I will set out to do just that.