

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Freedom

Leah Alaimo

Years in Youth and Government: 1

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

I previously participated in Youth and Government last year, which was my first. My bill was able to be recognized by the cabinet. I am also an active member of my Catholic school community. I participate in extracurricular activities, besides Youth and Government, that help to promote homeless shelters and charities around my Rochester community.



Why are you seeking this office and what do you feel you have to offer your peers if selected as one of their leaders for the coming year?

Even though this is only my second year in the club, I believe I can truly bring strong and unique qualities to the table. I actively participate in weekly Youth and Government meetings always striving my hardest to challenge myself and other in debate. In addition, my main objective is to be a good listener. To be able to understand and engage myself in other peoples' opinions is always my mindset walking into any room, not just in Youth and Government. I challenge myself to be open minded and challenge my thoughts even though I try to be a strong and assertive speaker.

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

A servant leader is someone who can not only listen to those before them, but can empathize with them. Personally, I know how overwhelming it can be during chambers. Whether you're standing behind the podium trying to rebuttal for your bill at the third hit of the gavel or attempting to debate under overwhelming tensions of a controversial bill, I've been there. It can be stressful at times but my main focus, if I were to be elected, would be to make all delegates feel safe yet recognized in such a great club that is meant to focus on the diversity of teen's opinions and to give a voice young people. I don't want someone to ever feel embarrassed for speaking up.