

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Liberty

Violet Hamlin

Years in Youth and Government: 2

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

I joined Youth and Government my freshman year where I discovered this amazing program. At the end of that year, I ran for vice president of my local club and won. Last year, my sophomore year, I served as a Committee Chair on the state level and vice president on the local level. I was lucky enough to attend the February Greenkill in 2019 where I learn an immense amount about what it takes to be a servant leader and what it takes for New York Youth and Government to work. I was also selected to attend the Conference on National Affairs (CONA) and the Greenkill weekend for training. CONA was an informative and amazing experience where I grew substantially as a public speaker and as a person as a whole. This year I have been honored to be selected as Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development and as the President of my local club. Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to attend the Steering Committee Greenkill and the February Greenkill where I have fell in love with the Youth and Government program even more.



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?

Past Youth and Government leaders have left a lasting impression on me that I would hope to replicate if elected to office. In holding this office, I would be working with a vast array of teens from different geographical backgrounds as well as cultural backgrounds. I would like to learn from them as much I hope they can learn from me. I hope to develop connections with people across the state and help everyone reach their full potential in this program just as leaders in the past have for me. I believe that my organization would help me make an effective leader and keep an assembly running smoothly. Furthermore, I strive to be an unbiased supporter to everyone and this would continue over into the Youth and Government realm. I respect everyone and provide them with any support or help they need.

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

Servant leadership is not something that is often found today in our political system, but if elected, I would strive to be the best servant leader I can be every day. Servant leadership is putting the needs of one's constituents before themselves. I would incorporate servant leadership into office by making sure I hear the needs and concerns of everyone and doing everything in my power to address them. I hope to be a friendly face that people can come up to voice issues or just to have a conversation with. I will use my time to help others before anything else, and I will make sure that everyone feels heard. I will work with my presiding officers' team to foster a safe and friendly environment at the conference as well as all year long.