

# New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

## Speaker of Assembly Freedom

**Calvin Jean**

Years in Youth and Government: 2

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

In Youth And Government I have matured and became more adept in public advocacy. I am an experienced legislator, in the 2019 state conference my bill ranked top 10. In my 2 years of Youth and Government I had the distinct honor of winning 2019 Best Debater. This year I also had the honor of serving in the Conference Life Committee where we made decisions for the Albany State Conference. I also attended the September Steering committee Greenkill where I had the opportunity to represent my peers in making decisions for the Conference through this experience I learned to work in conjunction with a team to achieve a goal. In addition to these experiences, This past year I have also attended district conference as a committee chair. I have also attended February Greenkill where I further trained in committee chairing I believe that using these skills I can not only elevate the conference but instill these skills and traits in everyone. In Future Business Leaders of America I have helped organized fundraisers such as the cancer walk and the Adopt a Family. All these experiences have prepared me and given the abilities required to be a leader.



### **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?**

I am seeking this office because of the passion I have for this program. This program has given me something that is truly priceless, my voice. In my freshman year I was shy and timid, terrified of the idea of public speaking. But as I continued through my year at Youth And Government I became more confident and willing to present my ideas. I want every single delegate to have this same opportunity, the same spark that gives them the confidence to fight and stand for what they believe in. I hope to offer this to each and every delegate, to inspire not only dedication and commitment but the ability to voice their opinion. I believe I can not only make the conference even better but help delegates be better even outside of Youth And Government because In standing up for what you believe in, you become more confident in every area of your life.

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

Servant Leadership is the willingness to sacrifice your own needs to better others. I believe servant leadership is an imperative trait for any leader to have. Servant leadership is not only about the willingness to sacrifice yourself but to elevate everyone not just yourself. Servant leadership is also a collaboration between the delegate and the leader to create a relationship where the delegate is lifted and profited. I plan to incorporate this by always putting the delegate first no matter the consequences I may face because that is what youth and government is about lifting everyone up not just yourself. I know using this I can help elevate everyone so even when we leave Youth And Government we leave better.