

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Governor

Skyler Mongardi

Years in Youth and Government: 3

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

As a freshman, I presented my bill for the first time at a state conference which not only ranked within the top ten, but also was nominated for best bill. At this point, I knew this program was going to uplift me and I was excited to come back.

As a sophomore, I participated in the conference as a committee chair, and my bill ranked first in my chamber and won best bill after being signed into law. However, I was no longer satisfied as a participant in the conference; I wanted to have a leadership position where I could lead others. As a result, I ran and won the Deputy Speaker position, and now I've learned more than I ever have about time management, leadership, and cooperative learning. Outside of our program, I've volunteered in political offices on both sides of the aisle, which has taught me to hold everyone's respectful opinion in the highest of standards despite my own personal beliefs. Finally, I'm in a slew of other clubs with many different kinds of people that led me to see how many different ways people observe, analyze, and form opinions on problems and solutions.

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'm seeking this office for two reasons above all else. Firstly, I'm genuinely in love with this program. I've solidified my career path, obtained the means to be a servant leader, and developed a passion for speaking through the unique medium that is Youth and Government. While that is great, the primary reason I'm seeking this office is for the benefit of the upcoming youth. We have seen great leaders come and go throughout this program's history, and that's because we as a united delegation nurture the strengths of others and teach them the importance of instrumental skills such as servant leadership. As the last generation of program leaders move past their high school years, we need more leaders to nurture our younger Youth and Government generations. There is no one as dedicated to this program's success and, more importantly your success, as I am. As your governor, I will offer the dedication and familiarity with this program that is required to facilitate the growth of new generations.

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

Servant leadership is recognizing your ability to aid others and utilizing that as your drive and passion to lead selflessly. An individual must exemplify servant leadership in any office to ensure the people are being prioritized above all else. As your governor, I will serve passionately as I have in my past three years of Youth and Government to ensure all people are equally prepared for the conference regardless of their respective branch or experience. I will also make my personal contact information available to the conference so people from every district may field inquiries, concerns, or comments to me to secure their comfort and understanding of any particular aspect of this program.

