

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Speaker of Assembly Liberty

Zachary Phelps

Years in Youth and Government: 3

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

I felt honored to serve as your Deputy Speaker of Assembly Liberty last year. The experience profoundly ameliorated me as a person, and for this, I must thank all Youth and Government members. The previous year I had participated in the Youth and Government Club as a Committee Chair, and before that I debated in the courtroom as a lawyer in the Judicial Branch. This year, I am proud to hold a distinguished position on the Governor's Executive Cabinet as the Secretary of State. Back at my home school, I cherish playing varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball. I have earned the title of President in both my National Honors Society Chapter and my Class of 2020, and engage in the Student Council, Drama Club, Leadership Club, Chorus, Bell Tree Ensemble, and Jazz Band.



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?

Prosperity and success for all Youth and Government delegates motivate me to run for the position of Senate Pro Tempore. To quote our heroic leader Abraham Lincoln, "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth." Officers in leadership positions must not seek election for their own self-interest, but rather for the well-being of the people they will serve.

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

Servant leadership drives a person to serve for the prosperity of the people rather than prestige and leadership itself. I will preside with the essence of servant leadership and keep the best interest of the Youth and Government and all of its members in mind. With consideration and integrity, I will do my part to help Youth and Government exceed its high standards.