

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Public Defender

Matthew Tobin

Years in Youth and Government: 3

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

Lieutenant Governor of the New York YMCA Middle School Youth and Government

YMCA Safe Routes to School Pilot Class Ambassador

Tappan Zee High School Youth and Government Club cofounder

First Treasurer and First Secretary of the Tappan Zee High School Youth and Government Club

Tappan Zee High School Lead Attorney

Scouts BSA(Boy Scout) Senior Patrol Leader and Life Scout

Student Organization Delegate

School District Family Enrichment Center Student Ambassador

Special Congressional Recognition for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community by Nita Lowey

Leadership in Advocacy Middle School Graduation Award

3 time First Place Team in the Connecticut Middle School Debate League

First and Second Place Speaker in the Connecticut Middle School Debate League

Eighteenth Place Team in the English in Action Middle School Public Debate Program Championship

Second Place School in the English in Action Middle School Public Debate Program Championship

Top Team in the New York City Urban Debate League

Middle School National Junior Honor Society Co-President

Middle School Student Council President

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 I want to help and lead the conference. As a member of the Steering Committee, I learned how decisions are made for the conference and met other leaders from throughout the state, all of us focused on furthering the conference's success. Thinking of other leaders who have since left the program and their encouragement for me to pursue great things inspired me to run for this office. I am committed to helping others. Besides the community service that I perform, I always want to make myself available to help others. Whether that would be with brief writing, practicing public speaking, or just being a friendly face at the conference, I want to be there to help. I offer my skills to serving the conference and all that I lack in skill, I will make up for in effort. Youth and Government has been the experience of a lifetime and I want to put all my effort into making it even better.

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

Servant leadership is the idea that leaders should put themselves last and least. Leaders at the conference should spend their time lifting those around them up instead of only pushing themselves. I plan on practicing this if I am elected into office by making myself available to everyone in need of aid, advice, or just company. Part of the reason that I became an attorney was because a first-year member of the new club needed a partner. Although I had only participated in the legislative branch, I made the switch gladly. I want to continue the practice of putting others above myself and serving will be the perfect way to do this

