

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Head Lobbyist

Myesha Alum

Years in Youth and Government: 2

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

In my first year of Youth and Government I became a branch liaison, which gave me much needed experience in Youth and Government. It taught me how to better communicate with my branch and my district. It also gave me hands on experience on leading a group. I continue to lead my branch group again this year and learning more about my leadership skills with this position. I am the treasurer of a volunteer service club and an active member in my community. I often volunteer in my local food pantry and fundraise for organizations that help people in need. I am also my school's Mock Trial secretary. Just like Youth and Government, this gives me the much needed tools to understand both being part of a team and helping serve others.



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 to improve my fellow lobbyists in anyway that I can. I want to create an environment for lobbyists to feel like they have a voice. As a person, I've always been considered relatively shy, but when I joined Youth and Government, it has helped me get out of my shell and create new passions that I once didn't have before. As Head Lobbyist, I want to help other lobbyists in this way and help cultivate their potential so that when they get their two minutes to speak on a bill, they will shine and captivate the audience. Not only will I help improve lobbyists on their skills, I also intend to make the lobbying program more recognized. Many people often forget the power that we hold over passing or failing a bill. With the help of my leadership, I will make sure to create stronger lobbyists and a good bond with each other to further intensify the branch and get the recognition we deserve. I will also work closely with the legislative branch to make sure each lobbyist gets treated fairly and will have their voices heard in chamber. In office, my main priority will be to ensure that every delegate and the lobbying branch will grow to the potential of greatness they have.

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

Servant leadership is an important quality to see in any leader. To be a servant leader you need to be a selfless person, dedicated to doing the best for everyone and anyone. It is also to prioritize the importance of others needs to ensure that everyone is happy. If I'm elected into office I will strive to incorporate this crucial quality within my leadership by listening to others needs, devoting my time to my position, and communicating with others to make sure everyone is having the best Youth and Government experience they could possibly have.