

New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

Editor-In-Chief

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Years in Youth and Government: 2

Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:

Every activity that I have participated in, Girl Scouts, Senate, and writing for my school newspaper, seems to have been in anticipation for Youth and Government. However, never before have I participated in a program that relies so much on student responsibility and participation. This is what truly inspires me about Youth and Government. Even with my short amount of time in the program, seeing that passion and ability in others is what has maintained my own dedication to Youth and Government, and I believe that is the most important thing. Being the Head of Press for District 2 as well as Editor-In-Chief this year has furthered my preparedness and always gaining experience that allows me to continue to improve my ability to lead. This paired with my passion for writing, classes in photography and graphic design, are what make the position of Editor-In-Chief perfect for me as well as something I continue to be dedicated to.

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?

Participating as Editor-In-Chief this year has made me uniquely prepared to do it again. Seeing exactly what the position involves has made me realize that being in a position for Press means constantly evolving. Like news publications around the world, the Youth and Government program also needs to be constantly changing. This includes using social media platforms as well as implementing different forms of telling the news, including videos, and the spread of images. Youth and Government has not only allowed me to participate in this evolution, but I wish to continue it next year. This will be aided by my artistic interests as well as my passion for writing and experience and education about journalism.

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

To be a good leader, you have to be a servant leader. If your interests are not focused on serving all delegates, in ways that are truly guiding, but rather seeking control. Especially for Press, nothing can be done without the participation of delegates and the different point of views they provide. Without listening and being open to working with others, there can never be a truly good news organization. To do this I will not just be open to ideas, but constantly accessible.

