

# New York State Youth and Government Officer Application

## Senate Pro Tempore

### Joseph Mazzearella

Years in Youth and Government: 3

#### **Previous Youth and Government experience and/or other qualifications:**

Concluding my third year in the Youth and Government program, It is clear that this program has had a profound impact on every aspect of my life, shaping me into becoming more mature and passionate in all things I'm involved in. In previous years, I have found great success in the legislative branch, ranking as the #2 bill in the Senate both years. The skills that I've acquired through the bill writing and debating process have brought me to a new level of leadership. In my sophomore year I was elected treasurer of my district, refining my knowledge on bill writing and formatting. At last year's conference I served as a committee chair where I gained knowledge on parliamentary procedure and organization. Also, I have attended Camp Greenkill many times where I've acquired leadership skills alongside other presiding officers. I was appointed to be on the Conference Life Committee last year which primarily plans details of the conference to ensure the best conference experience of each delegate. Outside of Youth and Government, I'm an active member of my student government in which I am Vice President, organizing school events and coordinating with administrators on multiple issues. I also hold captain positions for both soccer and lacrosse teams where I motivate my teammates to play their hardest.



#### **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?**

The impression of past and present Youth and Government leaders has left me a transformed, confident, and outgoing individual. In this position I will have the opportunity to give back the great experiences that have been given to me and I hope to pass the same inspiration to the future leaders of this program. By working closely with all leaders and delegates around me, I want to create an environment in which all delegates feel confident enough to approach their role models and learn from them just as I was able to do. I am an impartial person that will make sure all delegates have their opinions heard in the chamber. Impartial charing will ensure the debate is heard from all members of the chambers who wish to be heard. All ideas will be recognized equally in the chamber. True leadership is placing the ideas of all other delegates before my own.

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

A servant leader leads from within a group rather than above it. Servant leadership is paramount to any leader's success. This is achieved through personal interaction with constituents and taking the time to hear their concerns and opinions. Working for the needs of others comes before working for the needs of myself. I will work hard to represent the views and ideas of all delegates. The ideals of servant leadership have been instilled in me by both current and past servant leaders of this program. As your President Pro Tempore, I will continue to demonstrate servant leadership by valuing and upholding my commitment to work for the needs of the delegates above all else.