

MISSOURI YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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2007-2008 STUDENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I, _____, hereby agree to the following items:
Print Name

1. Code of Conduct

- a. I agree that as a student in Missouri YMCA Youth In Government, I am expected to conduct myself in a manner that reflects well upon myself, my delegation, and the YMCA as a whole. This Code of Conduct supersedes all previous Codes of Conduct. I will sign it and follow all of the contents of this Code of Conduct as well as those contained within the Participant Handbook.
- b. I agree that this Code of Conduct applies to all of my activities in Missouri YMCA Youth In Government, including, but not limited to, the State Convention, Civic Leadership Institute, Executive Branch Leadership Institute, Conference on National Affairs, all training events, Primary Convention, meetings and all other activities relating to or conducted with regard to Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.
- c. I will attend all required meetings and events and be responsible for the rules set by my school, my delegation, and the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government State Committee.
- d. I agree that at all Missouri YMCA Youth In Government functions, as a student, I will:
 - i. Show respect to myself, to other students, advisors and chaperones, as well as visitors, tour groups and sponsors of Missouri YMCA Youth In Government and will conduct myself in an appropriate and professional manner during all activities and functions.
 - ii. Conduct myself in a responsible manner, regarding all housekeeping rules. In this regard, I will always leave all environments I am in contact with in a better condition than when I arrived. I will collect and dispose of all litter, papers and refuse that are created by me or other participants of Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.
 - iii. Not use or possess any weapons, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs or substances at any time.
 - iv. Show respect to all facilities and materials owned by or loaned to Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.

2. Fee Payment

- a. I understand that all of my fees are non-refundable once delivered to my advisor or State Director for payment to Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.

3. Dress Code

- a. I agree that, as a student, I will conform to the following dress code when attending Missouri YMCA Youth In Government functions unless given specific instructions by the State Director that casual dress is approved.
- b. I recognize that the dress code, which follows, is intended to convey a professional appearance and encourage a more professional attitude by me as a participant.
 - i. Men must wear a suit, shirt and tie, or dress slacks, shirt, tie and a sports coat. Dress shoes and socks are also required. No denim or leather clothing, letter sweaters or jackets, shorts, or hats may be worn.
 - ii. Women must wear a suit, dress, or a blouse and blazer with a shirt or dress slacks. Dress shoes are also required. No denim or leather clothing, letter sweaters or jackets, shorts, or hats may be worn. Skirts and dresses should have a hem no higher than 3" above the knee.
 - iii. All participants must wear Missouri YMCA Youth In Government name tags on the outside of their clothing at all times during Missouri YMCA Youth In Government functions, including at the hotel at any time. Name tags must not be altered in any way.

4. Hotel Conduct

- a. I agree that as a student while participating in Missouri YMCA Youth In Government functions, I must be in my assigned room by curfew to stay for the night, remaining quiet, unless I have written permission from an advisor of my delegation and an adult member of the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government State Committee to be out of my room past curfew.
- b. I agree that at no times after curfew will I leave the hotel. At no time will I be in an unauthorized room, which is any room not used by Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.
- c. I agree that, as a student, I will not leave, remain in, or return to the hotel at any time except when scheduled to do so without prior approval of an adult advisor of my delegation or the State Director.
- d. I agree that, as a student, I may have occasion to visit the room or be visited by a member of the opposite sex. I agree that when I visit a member of the opposite sex I will conduct myself in a responsible manner, leaving the door of the

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hotel room completely open during the entire visit from a member of the opposite sex.

5. Property

- a. I agree that I will be responsible for any damage or loss of property in my hotel room, whether it is my property, the property of the hotel, the property of another resident of my room or any other individual.
- b. I further agree that I shall be solely responsible, with my parent/guardian, for the damage or loss of any property that I bring to any Missouri YMCA Youth In Government sponsored activity.
- c. I agree that I will protect the same, or insure it adequately, so that if loss or damage does occur, that I may be adequately compensated.
- d. I agree that I shall not hold responsible Missouri YMCA Youth In Government, the State Committee, the individual members of the State Committee, the YMCA staff, my school, the professionals from my school, nor any other individual for any loss or damage to any personal property which I may bring to any Missouri YMCA Youth In Government sponsored activity. I understand that there may be an informal storage location provided by Missouri YMCA Youth In Government, but that informal storage location is not secured or monitored and that the property that I leave there may be subject to damage, theft, or other destruction. I further state that if I choose to use this storage location, neither the hotel nor Missouri YMCA Youth In Government will be responsible for any damage or loss of those items. Each individual delegation shall be responsible to provide secured storage for students' property as they deem fit and appropriate.

6. Transportation

- a. I understand that Missouri YMCA Youth In Government shall not be responsible for transportation or for any determination regarding transportation from any location within the State of Missouri, or elsewhere, and shall make no determination or recommendation as to the method of transportation from any local school, YMCA or other departure location. Missouri YMCA Youth In Government shall leave the determination with regard to appropriate transportation to the local school, YMCA or parent, as the case may be.

7. Discipline

- a. I agree that I, together with my parent/guardian, shall be bound by any decision of the Executive Committee and consent to any punishment which may be issued by the Executive Committee, including being required to return home.
- b. I waive any due process rights that I may have relating to Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.
- c. Further, I understand and agree that, as a student, the penalty for violating this Participation Agreement or any additional rules established by advisors, my local delegation, and/or the State Committee will result in consequences determined by the Executive Committee and the State Director. Any violation may result in my immediate dismissal from the Missouri YMCA Youth In Government program and notification of my parent/guardian and my school district. My parent/guardian and I are solely responsible for all expenses and arrangements relating to any disciplinary action taken regarding my behavior. I understand that my dismissal will result in the forfeiture of any fees paid on my behalf and jeopardize my future participation in Missouri YMCA Youth In Government.

This contract of participation is an agreement that binds both parent/guardian and student to the Code of Conduct contained in this agreement. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge all of the contents of this agreement and am bound hereby.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Signature of Student
_____ Please Print Name	_____ Please Print Name
____ / ____ / _____ Date	____ / ____ / _____ Date

____ I agree to allow my child's picture and/or video image to be used in YIG promotional materials. *(Parent/Guardian, please initial if you approve. YIG may use pictures/video images, but will not list students mailing addresses or phone number in promotional materials.)*