

YOUTH GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

Requirements:

- Be in attendance at your regional Training Session
- Have 1 year experience having attended the Youth in Government Augusta session, must be a Junior or Senior

Description of Role

- The Youth Governor is the Chief Executive of the Program.
- He/She is the only officer elected 1 full year in advance, and serves as the student spokesperson for the program for their year as Governor.
- There will be 3 candidates selected to be the Youth Governor.
- 1 Candidate will be selected at each Training Session.
- These 3 will run to be elected the following years Youth Governor during the weekend conference in Augusta.
- The Youth Governor is occasionally asked to speak as a representative of the YMCA Youth in Government Program in Maine.

Responsibilities

- Develop a strategy for the campaign at the State House session
 - Follow the policies developed for running to become the Youth Governor
 - Meet with the Program Director on Friday night at 7:00pm
 - No campaigning until Saturday Morning 8:00am
 - No campaign materials are allowed to be distributed on the floor of the House or Senate
 - Campaign materials that are to be put up in the State House may only be taped to glass surfaces, and no tacks are to be used anywhere
 - Campaign materials are to be put up only in the on the 1st and 3rd floors of the State House
 - Candidates are responsible for taking down and cleaning up all posters, and other materials on Sunday before they leave the State House
 - Meet with Newspaper on Saturday afternoon at 1:00pm
 - Meet with current Youth Governor
 - **YOU MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL YOUTH GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.** Conference is held in Washington DC in June. The YMCA will pay for your conference fee and transportation to and from Washington DC. It is a requirement to run for Youth Governor that you make sure you can attend.
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CAMPAIGNING RULES

1. Campaigning may begin on Saturday morning, NO SOONER .
2. No campaign materials (including buttons, stickers, posters, or other items) are to be visible on Friday.
3. Posters may not be hung on any part of the State House, including floor, rotunda, balcony, message boards, doors or walls. Posters must be taped only to windows or glass.
Please don't tape or tack to any wood, or painted surface.
4. Handouts may not be distributed inside either the House or Senate Chambers.
5. They may be handed out at the door, but not placed on the desks of members of the Senate or House.
6. No candy is to be distributed in the State House.
7. If you want to use candy as a handout, please do it at the Saturday evening at Recreation. Candy wrappers end up with too much trash in the State House.
8. Members of the House and Senate may not wear buttons or stickers while they are in the Chambers.
9. When on the floor of the House or Senate members, pages, officers, or newspaper staff may not have any campaign materials visible.
10. In order to create a more realistic election, there will be no campaigning on the 3rd floor on Sunday, supporters and candidates may not be handing our material on the 3rd floor on Sunday.
11. Candidates may develop an Advertisement to be placed in the Newspaper on Saturday. Maximum size 1/4 of a page (8 1/2 x 11)

CANDIDATES EVENTS

- Meet with Program Director Friday 7:30pm at Speaker of the House Office.
- Press Conference in the Newspaper Office on Saturday at 1:30
- Give your campaign speech (limit of 8 minutes), on Saturday afternoon at the Joint Session in the Hall of the House. The current Youth Governor will introduce you.

NATIONAL YOUTH GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

The person elected as the Youth Governor must be able to attend the YMCA of the USA National Youth Governor's Conference in Washington D.C.

- State YMCA of Maine will pay registration fee and travel to and from Washington DC
- Youth Governor must complete registration information and return to Conference Staff.
- Youth Governor is responsible for some expenses while at Conference
- Youth Governor must contact Senators and Representatives to meet with them while at Conference.
- Program Director will have forms for Youth Governor to complete.

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INFORMATION SHEET

YOUTH GOVERNOR'S CANDIDATES MUST SEND THIS FORM AND A PHOTOGRAPH IN TO YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT OFFICE BY OCTOBER 15TH.

**Maine YMCA Youth in Government
29 Town Hall Lane
Winthrop, ME 04364**

CANDIDATES NAME

CANDIDATES SCHOOL

MY FAVORITE PERSON FROM AMERICAN HISTORY:

LIST THE 3 BIGGEST ISSUES YOU SEE FACING MAINE

1.

2.

3.

HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH SOLVING THESE ISSUES (100 WORDS OR LESS):