

Organization: Duluth Area Family YMCA | Community Services Branch

Internship: **Youth in Government-Delegation Specialist**

Reports To: Teen Program Director

Hours Required: 2-3 hours per week between late September- early January.
Intern needs to be available for Model Assembly which takes place in St. Paul on a Thursday-Sunday in early January.



The Y: We're for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

What is Youth in Government? Youth in Government is a national program of the Y that involves thousands of teens nationwide in state-organized, model-government programs. Students from every corner of the U.S. have the opportunity to immerse themselves in experiential civic engagement and to, quite literally, practice democracy. Teens from across every state meet in their local Youth in Government groups throughout the year to discuss and debate issues that affect citizens of their state and to propose legislation. The program culminates with teens serving as delegates at their state conference, debating bills on the floor of the legislature.

Position Summary:

The YIG Delegation Specialist will work with students in grades 8-12 as they prepare to represent Duluth at the statewide Model Assembly. Duties will include: supporting students' leadership development, promote youth advocacy and engage young people in the political process as delegates.

Essential Functions:

1. Attend YIG meetings and assist youth in writing bills and preparing for Model Assembly.
2. Must be able to attend Monday night meetings (virtually to start) from 5:30-9:00pm.
3. Attend the Model Assembly at the MN State Capital. The Model Assembly is typically held the first or second weekend in January running Thursday through Sunday. Transportation and food will be provided. (Please note this event might be held virtually for 2021).

Required Qualifications:

1. All YIG Advisors need to be 21 or older to supervise Youth in Government students at Model Assembly.
2. Basic understanding of Minnesota State Legislature and how a bill becomes a law.

Desired Qualifications:

1. Undergraduate or graduate student studying Political Science, Law, Political Leadership or Advocacy. Also open to students from liberal arts programs and those with a passion for state and local politics.
2. Experience in campaigning, elections and lobbying is helpful, but not required.

Compensation:

Interns do receive a YMCA membership during their internship. They also will receive a great experience working in the non-profit sector with one of the largest non-profit organizations in the nation.

Although this internship is unpaid, we will work with you and your school to assist you in receiving college credit. It is the responsibility of the student to determine if academic credit is available through his/her degree program.

Application Process:

- YMCA Internship Application
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

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