



February 18, 2019

Greetings Advisors:

Well here we are! The 2019 session is quickly approaching. As has been previously stated, this year's session will commence on Sunday May 12th and close on Wednesday May 15th at the State Capitol Building. Registration can be accessed through **Regy.co** per usual and as we started last year, advisors will be sent a document with student emails and names for verification. Also, don't forget, I will need contact information and emergency information for ANY AND ALL chaperones; per State Capitol requirement. As always, even if students are returning, they must sign up for the current event titled Youth and Government Conference 2019; registration will CLOSE March 15, 2019.

Thank you all for your commitment. The Capitol appreciated the step up in adult supervision, so we will send out a working schedule for everyone to pick his or her preferred locations and times. If there is anyone willing to take on the Senate and House floors please let me know. We are still in need of someone for the Court Program-to supervise and help it run smoothly-so if you want it, just let me know!

Here is to another great session!
Sincerely,

Miya Tymofichuk
Montana YMCA Youth & Government State Director

Below is a generic "how-to" since a year is long enough to forget how to get things rolling!

REGISTRATION: All delegations will register through the Regy.co website. All **legislators** will use **BILL 1** for their form (each student needs to complete **their own original Bill** and may write collaborative bills after their own has been submitted). Please remind students NOT to copy and paste a bill already formatted-just have them type directly into the form. **Lobbyists** will use the **LOBBYIST 1** form and the **Reporters** will utilize the **LOBBYIST/MEDIA 3** form for the articles they submit when other students submit their bills and position papers. There is both a link to the website and a tutorial for Regy on the Helena Youth Government website: www.helenaymca.org/youth-gov. *VERY IMPORTANT! Students need to make sure they are updating their grade and contact information.

SPECIAL POSITION APPLICATIONS: The applications for **all appointed positions** will be available online, through a google doc, this year in hopes of more students applying and for ease and accessibility to the application; available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDu_2K18_J3ueqnKHKnMexzOPLqMPMK3VqKx

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[EPHdfdeZaOuA/viewform?usp=sf_link](#). New this year!!!! Leadership trainings will be hosted online with a possible quick meeting before the session opens on Sunday 5/12/19 in hopes that those delegations farther away can hold appointed positions. I encourage ALL delegations to have someone submit an application; the hope is to open up an equal playing field to all delegations instead of those nearest to trainings.

PAYMENT: As soon as you have registered your delegation, you should download an invoice from Regy for the \$25 per student deposit; due March 15th. The balance of your fees (**total fee is \$80; balance after deposit is \$55 per student**) will be due MAY 3rd!!! The program is struggling to pay vendors so we have to have the money submitted before the conference starts. ALL PAYMENTS will be sent to HELENA YMCA 1200 N. Last Chance Gulch Helena, MT 59601. **Keep in mind that deposits are non-refundable. There is a new cancellation and refund policy in place; for specifics please contact me directly.** That being said, deposits are transferable, so if a student cannot attend, you may send a substitute in their place.

COURT PROGRAM: Attorneys and Justices will register through Regy.co as well. We will go for it again this year with the brief book being put together by means of Regy. This means briefs will need to be typed into the appropriate **COURT BRIEF/COURT BRIEF 2**.

PRESS PROGRAM: Please encourage qualified student to apply for **EDITOR**. To be a part of the **PRESS PROGRAM**, students will need to bring **laptops or tablets with them to use; the program will be located in the top floor of the Capitol**. Again, if there are students that would like to be involved in the program but does not have access to either of these devices, we will absolutely accommodate for it.

DUE DATES: Please note that due dates for this year have been included. As is the case every year, due dates have been made as late as possible to accommodate busy and different school schedules, while still allowing time to assemble the Brief and Bill Books as well as pay our vendors for services rendered. Let me know if you have any questions about the dates. **Also, let me know RIGHT AWAY if any of the COMMITTEE CHAIR TRAININGS interfere with your SPRING BREAK and I will try and reset them;** getting a revised schedule out as soon as possible.

BILL FORMATTING: The Bill Writing Guide has been changed to reflect the new format. Students who do not wish to work directly on Regy.co while drafting a bill need only type the body of the bill with NO numbering. It can then be pasted into the form and format and numbering will be taken care of.

SECOND BILLS: As stated previously, ALL STUDENTS, in the program will need to submit a written piece. Within the Legislative Program, students must submit a serious bill before submitting a joke bill. When writing joke bills, they are to be written in a mindful, respectful, and culturally competent manner. It is important to find a balance of fun without being offensive and rude at the expense of others; upholding the values of the YMCA (caring, respect, and honesty). Students can co-author a bill with another student, **AFTER** an original bill has been submitted. If students co-author a bill without submitting an original, the co-authored bill will be thrown out. Students will register for the Second Bill 2019 and submit those bills there. *If there are students in other programs besides Legislative that would like to submit a bill, please have them send it to mtyouthgov@gmail.com.