

## YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FORM

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will attend YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government program conferences. Permission is given to representatives of YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government to act as temporary guardian for the above named individual. This temporary guardianship grants the YMCA of Delaware Youth & Government authority to consent to any medical, dental or surgical diagnoses and or treatment, and hospital care to be rendered to the individual under general or special supervision and upon advice of a health care provider licensed under the laws of the state or jurisdiction in which medical care is sought. If my child should be selected to attend the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs, this agreement shall continue to be valid.

It is understood that if time and circumstances reasonably permits, the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government will endeavor, but is not required, to communicate with the undersigned prior to rendering of medical or dental care for which consent is given pursuant of this authorization. The undersigned understands and agrees that the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government shall not be legally or financially liable for any claim arising from the care provided pursuant to authorization. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and to hold the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government harmless from any claim made by or on behalf of said individual arising out of any medical care or dental care provided pursuant to this authorization.

This authorization is given to the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government for use in conjunction with any event operated by the YMCA including transportation to and from events and shall be valid until revoked in writing by the undersigned.

Permission is given to the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government to use our child in any picture, film, or videos that will be taken on the trip (or other activities), which will promote or benefit the YMCA of Delaware Youth and Government. Permission is also given to transport our child during the trip.

**I hereby indicate by the signature below that I am the authorized parent or legal guardian for the above minor.**

***Parent or Guardian's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTOGRAPH & VIDEO RELEASE

In exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby give the YMCA of Delaware the absolute right and permission to take, copyright, use and publish photographs or video of \_\_\_\_\_ (name), in whole, in part or in any and all media, for purposes of YMCA of Delaware art, education, information, promotion or advertising, or for any purpose consistent with the YMCA mission, and I waive all rights thereto.

I represent that I am over the age of 18 years, and I have read the foregoing and understand its contents. This release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, my legal representatives and assigns.

No modifications of this agreement shall be of any effect unless it is made in writing and signed by all of the parties in the agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Signature (if minor, parent or guardian signs)*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Address***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Phone number***

## CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITMENT

The Code of Conduct is considered essential for participation in the YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government Program and is binding on all delegates, advisors and staff. The intent is to hold each participant responsible for his/her own actions. In addition, each YMCA/school/organization sponsoring a delegation will be held accountable for the conduct of their delegation.

The State Director has the authority to interpret the Code of Conduct and administer any disciplinary action deemed necessary. Each participant is accountable for preserving the reputation and high standard of his/her delegation and the Delaware Youth in Government Model Legislative Program.

**Code of Conduct Contract must be signed and returned to the State Director. Branch Liaisons should keep a copy for their file.**

## CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

I have read and understand the YMCA of Delaware Youth & Government Code of Conduct, and I accept the responsibility for my child's adherence to it. I also understand that if my child violates the Code of Conduct and is expelled from the program, that I am responsible for his/her immediate transport home from the YMCA Conference. This transport shall be done at my expense.

***Parent or Guardian's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the YMCA Code of Conduct and I agree to follow it. I understand that failure to adhere to the Code's minimum standards of conduct may result in my immediate expulsion from the YMCA of Delaware Youth & Government Program.

***Delegate's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE RETURNED TO STATE DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE USING ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW.**

**E-MAIL: [SSACHS@YMCADE.ORG](mailto:SSACHS@YMCADE.ORG)**

**FAX: 302-571-6985**

**SNAIL MAIL/DROP-OFF: Central YMCA, 501 W 11<sup>th</sup> St, Wilmington, DE 19801**

## **YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government Code of Conduct**

**Proximity Rule** All participants share equally the responsibility of their actions when violations for the Code are witnessed. Those who decide to be present when a violation occurs shall, by their own choice, be considered a participant in the violation.

Infractions of General Rules A – D shall result in expulsion from YMCA Youth in Government program. In addition, local law enforcement agencies may be contacted.

- A. Any act of vandalism, destruction of property or misuse of a facility may be a crime and treated as such. Individuals will be billed for any damage incurred.
- B. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and other illegal drugs is prohibited.
- C. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants or property are prohibited.
- D. Activities, which endanger the health and safety of yourself or others, is prohibited.

Infractions of General Rules E – O may result in expulsion from YMCA Youth in Government.

- E. Smoking and/or use of tobacco products is prohibited.
- F. Failure to wear the YIG ID Badges at all times.
- G. Leaving Legislative Hall, Kent County Courthouse or other conference facilities without permission of the State Director is prohibited.
- H. Inappropriate and uninvited physical contact between any Youth in Government participant, staff member, or guest is not allowed.
- I. In order to be considered an active participant in this program, you must be present and punctual at all meetings where your involvement is required.
- J. All cell phones, pagers, i-pods, walkie-talkies and other electronic devices must be turned off during all sessions, meetings, and hearings in all program areas. Advisors and staff may leave cell phones on but inaudible for emergency contact reasons but must leave the session/area to answer a call.
- K. Delegate behavior will model the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility at all times.
- L. Participating in behavior that does not properly represent the YMCA of Delaware.

The Youth in Government State Director has final authority over all code of conduct violations.

### **DRESS RULES FOR OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED SESSIONS**

Youth In Government is a professional occasion and all delegates must dress accordingly. We respect the right of each delegate to express individuality through clothing choices while maintaining a professional environment. Please refer to the guidelines below, and ask your advisor for help if you have any questions or if you have difficulties obtaining appropriate clothing.

Examples of professional attire include:

- Dress pants (including khakis), a dress shirt, sport coat, and tie, with shirt tucked in and tie tied.
- Pant suit, dress shirt, and tie, with shirt tucked in and tie tied.
- Skirt suit with dress shirt or blouse.
- Dress pants with a collard shirt, blouse, or sweater.
- Dress shoes must be worn, and will be required to be worn all day. Lace-up shoes or flats are often good choices.

### **NOT ACCECTABLE OF PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE:**

- Sneakers and flip flops
- Jeans, yoga pants, leggings, corduroys, t-shirts, and sweatshirts

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