

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Sponsored by: NH/VT State Alliance of YMCAs
Administered through the Greater Manchester Family YMCA
CODE OF CONDUCT

The YMCA believes strongly in developing character. We therefore challenge and expect each delegate and advisor to uphold this contract based on *caring, honesty, respect and responsibility*.

I understand:

This contract must be signed by me and a parent/guardian before I can attend the YMCA Youth and Government Program sponsored by the Greater Manchester Family YMCA. I accept the responsibility to comply with ALL of the provisions in this contract and understand that violations of this contract can result in expulsion from the program and/or loss of office. My parents understand that if I violate the contract, I will be required to call them (regardless of my age) and they have agreed to accept responsibility to pick me up.

Behavior:

I understand that I am expected to be responsible for my own behavior while respecting the rights of all program participants. Because I respect my body, I will not bring and/or consume alcohol, drugs or tobacco at any official scheduled YMCA Youth and Government activity. Because we respect others all YMCA Youth and Government meetings will begin on time. I accept the responsibility to be in my assigned location at the appropriate time, and understand that my failure to be present on time may affect my participation in the future. I accept the responsibility to be in attendance at all scheduled events during the conference. I will not use my personal car during the Model Legislative Conference. **Cell phones and text messaging is also not appropriate during session.**

Dress:

As a citizen of New Hampshire I respect the State House and the role I will assume during the conference. I will be appropriately attired at all YMCA Youth and Government functions: **NOTE: Jeans, denim, flip flops, tank tops, or shirts that expose midriff are not appropriate at any time. Shoe heel height should not exceed one inch.** Ladies: Dress, skirt, slacks or sweaters. Gentlemen: Shirt and tie, jackets are encouraged at all times. Name badges are considered official credentials and will allow access to state buildings and YMCA Youth and Government activities. I understand they must be worn at all times.

State House:

I agree to treat the State House with the greatest respect and will not open desks, use microphones or voting machines in the House and Senate chambers. I will not bring hats or walkmans inside the chambers at the State House. I understand that banners, signs or plaques will not be attached or affixed to the facility.

I have read, understand and accept the responsibility to abide by this Code of Conduct Contract.

Delegate's Signature

Date

I have read and understand this contract and will respect the decisions of the YMCA Youth and Government Program in judging my teen's behavior. I agree to hold the YMCA harmless, and give my permission for my teen's photo to be used by the media and in the YMCA brochures.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I have read and understand this contract and will participate as part of the YMCA Youth and Government Leadership Team on behalf of my delegation.

Advisor's Signature

Date

