

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

WE BUILD STRONG KIDS, STRONG FAMILIES, STRONG COMMUNITIES



Want to Rule the World?
This program can help you get there.



"I've been involved with the Youth & Government program for the past six years. I started off at the lowest end of the spectrum as a Page and ended up being elected Governor.

Speaking in the House podium where MLK and JFK stood was one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

I've really learned to break out of my shell and meet new people and make life-lasting friends. It gives you the confidence to go out and do things you never thought you were capable of doing."

Paul DiBlasi, 18
2008-2009 Youth Governor of YMCA of
Massachusetts Youth and Government Program
Delegate from Merrimack Valley YMCA



Teens in grades 8-12 learn the democratic process by actually participating in many aspects of state government. Throughout the program, delegates research and write bills, debate issues, vote on proposals, participate in committees, run for office and hear judicial cases. Each year, participants elect a student governor to preside over the program for the next year.

- Learn presentation skills, how to write quality proposals, debating techniques.
- Or, apply other interests in the forum, such as newspaper editing and writing and press interviews.
- Witness how the democratic process works.
- Visit "The Hill" and experience our Massachusetts State House from within.

This is the only youth program allowed onto the senate floor and other offices in the State House, to live the experience as a delegate.

***It's an experience that
will change your life.***



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