

YLA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

Page Manual

*Preparing the Next Generation
of Civic Leaders*



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PURPOSE OF PAGES

Pages assist in the House and Senate Chambers, Committees, Governor's office and the Youth in Government office.

Assistance includes delivering messages, finding legislators to appear before a Committee or to meet with the Governor and/or Cabinet and collecting ballots during elections.

OPPORTUNITY

Serving as a Page is a good way for younger students to get the big picture of the total program, see how every part of the program works, become familiar with the procedures and issues, and meet lots of people.

We have had students begin their Youth in Government experience as a Page who have gone on to get elected Governor, Chief Justice or other office holder.

ORIENTATION

Pages meet the first day of Youth in Government before the opening session for an orientation to their responsibilities with the Page Advisor or YLA staff member.

ASSIGNMENTS

Each Page is assigned one or more places of responsibility (i.e. House or Senate and a Committee, Governor's Office, YG Office). Your assignment is listed in the Bill Book along with maps to show you where each location is. Please become familiar with the layout of the Capitol or Statehouse.

ATTENDANCE

To function successfully, YG needs Pages. Pages are to be at their assigned responsibilities. Attendance is taken.

BALLOT COLLECTION

Pages collect ballots during officer elections.

Pages assigned to serve the House Chamber and House Committees during YG will report to the House Chamber during the election of the House officers to collect ballots.

Pages assigned to serve the Senate Chamber and Senate Committees during YG will report to the Senate Chamber during the election of the Senate officers to collect ballots.

During the joint session, the House Pages will collect the ballots from those seated on the House floor. Senate Pages will collect the ballots from those seated in the House balconies.

Once collected, the Pages will present the collected ballots to the YLA staff member who oversees counting the ballots. They are usually stationed at the back of the House Chamber.

VOTING RIGHTS

Pages also have voting rights. Please get your ballots from the Page Advisor.

In West Virginia, Pages vote for the Youth Governor only.

In Ohio, Pages vote for the Lt. Governor and Youth Governor only.

Turn your ballot into the YLA staff member who is responsible for counting the ballots when you turn in those you have collected.



BEFORE YOU SEEK OFFICE ASK YOURSELF ~



DO I HAVE THE TIME?

Officers serve the ALL YEAR. Officers are to prepare, to lead, and strengthen YLA by your service, example, and commitment.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME?

- You begin your service and are required to actively participate in YLA's annual **Leadership Summit** at Camp Horseshoe in **June**. If you cannot participate the entire 6-days, your position will be revoked.
- **Bill/Case Rating** in **February**. All officers including cabinet members, committee chairs, and associate justices are required to participate in Bill/Case Rating. This is where the calendar for YG is established and officer training happens. Lobbyist are encouraged to attend so you can chose the bills you want to lobby. Members of the press are encouraged to attend.
- **YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT** in **April**. If you cannot fulfill your duties at YG, do not apply. Give that opportunity to someone who can.

Officers are ENCOURAGED to participate in YLA's annual Fall Conference in November.

TOGETHER we build a stronger YG engaging more students strengthening our schools, communities, and state.

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