



PROGRAM

68th Annual West Virginia Youth in Government April 23 - 25, 2025



**Youth Governor
Thomas Sibold**
James Monroe YLA

**Youth Chief Justice
Shelby Plants**
Point Pleasant YLA



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YLA Advisors

THANK YOU to our local YLA Advisors who guide, mentor, encourage, and challenge our YLA teens to learn, grow, and make differences for good.

Participation in YLA Youth in Government as well as all YLA programs is possible because of their efforts.

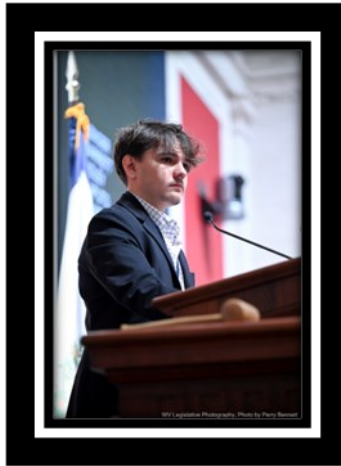


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Section I: Welcome

From the Desk of the Youth Governor



Welcome to the 68th session of the West Virginia Youth in Government!

It is such a pleasure to welcome you to a storied event like this one. This unique opportunity allows you to learn about the legislative process by directly being involved. If you feel comfortable, I implore you to take full advantage of what is being presented and make an impact on your state for the better. We, the youth, have the most powerful say in what our future holds so use that passion here to create a better future for yourself and others around you. If you don't feel as comfortable, use this space to meet new friends who might become lifelong. Push yourself to engage in a conversation or just make it an opportunity to better yourself in some shape or form. I can attest to the impact that this event has had on myself and the hundreds of people I have met.

No matter how you spend your time here, I want to thank you for attending and providing your unique input through your own experiences.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have had a hand in making this event possible. From the chapter advisors to parents and volunteers, every single one of you plays a role that is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the administrators of the Youth Leadership Association for their immense dedication in organizing Youth in Government.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas Sibold'.

Thomas Sibold

2025 West Virginia Youth Governor



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Section I: Welcome continued

From the Desk of the West Virginia Youth Chief Justice



Hello everyone, and welcome to the 68th Annual West Virginia Youth In Government!

To those who do not know me yet, my name is Shelby Plants, and I am from Point Pleasant, West Virginia. I have the honor of serving as the 2025 Youth Chief Justice. I am beyond excited to meet all the new people who are attending this event for the first time and reconnecting with my friends from all over our wonderful state.

I truly believe that YG is the most valuable event a high school student can attend. It can help young people like us learn about our government and how it actually works. Before attending Youth in Government, I had no idea what the 3 branches of government were. Now, not only do I understand them, but I can also explain their roles. All thanks to my time in YG. Youth in Government has inspired me to become a prosecuting attorney. After high school, I plan on going to Ohio University and majoring in pre-law, followed by law school.

I would like to thank everyone for coming to this event and for helping the future of West Virginia.

I would also like to take a moment to thank a few others. Firstly, my parents, they have put just as much time into this term as I have. From driving me to events to listening to me practice my speeches. No matter what, they are always there for me. Next, I want to express my gratitude for those who work tirelessly for this wonderful program. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't even have this program that we all love. A special thanks to Leslie and Alicia for always answering my emails whenever I had a question, which was almost every day. To my peers, you guys are really what makes YLA so incredible. I am so thankful for each and every one of you that I have met over the years. Thank you for being a part of this journey with me.

Thank you,

Shelby Plants

Shelby Plants
2025 Youth Chief Justice



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Section II: Important Information

Wednesday, April 23, 2025		2025 Opening Joint Session
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration - Hotel	Capitol City Suite B & C Foyer
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Lunch on your own	
11:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Meeting with Officers Candidates	Capitol City Suite B
12:00 - 12:15 p.m.	2025 Officers Meeting	Capitol City Suite B
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Advisors Meeting	Capitol City Suite B
12:45 p.m.	Take Buses to Capitol	
1:15 p.m.	Group Meetings:	
	Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs	Bill Coordinator Table
	Lobbyists and Lobbyist Advisor	
	Press Delegates and Press Advisor	Outside the House Chamber at the YLA staff table across from Bill Coordinator Table
	Pages and Page Advisor	
1:50 p.m.	All Convene in the House Chamber	
	Students with Roles in Opening Session, House & Senate Members	Please sit on the House Floor
	Advisors, Judicial, Lobbyists, Press and Pages	Please fill the House floor before going to the Gallery
2:00 p.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court Call to Order	
	Presiding	Justice Tim Armstead , WV Supreme Court of Appeals
	Opening Prayer	Maxine Brock , House Chaplain, Mingo County YLA
	Pledge of Allegiance	Elyssa Woolwine , Independence YLA
	House	Delegate Isabella Lee , Ripley YLA
	Ascertain a Quorum Senate	Senator Blake Hollen , Hedgesville YLA
Escort Committee:		
	Josie Day , Buckhannon Upshur YLA	Ella Games , John Marshall YLA
	Jax Cook , Wyoming East YLA	Alexander Lambert , Tucker Co. YLA
	Oath of Office and Remarks	Honorable Chief Justice Bill Wooton WV Supreme Court of Appeals
	Certificates of Office	Donald Kersey , Chief of Staff & Chief Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary of State
	Accepting the Certificates of Office:	
	Judicial:	Justice Bryce Isner , Grafton YLA
	Senate:	Senator Kellen Bruffey , Lewis Co. YLA
	House:	Delegate Raina Shearlock , Wirt Co. YLA
	Remarks & Presentation of the State Flag	Justice Tim Armstead , Chairman of the WV YLA Youth in Government Committee
	Remarks	Thomas Sibold , Youth Governor, James Monroe Shelby Plants , Youth Chief Justice, Pt. Pleasant
Adjourn		



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2025 Student Legislature Schedule

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Legislative Instructions	House Chamber
3:25 - 3:45 p.m.	Committee Orientation	Individual Committee Rooms
3:45 - 4:20 p.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	House & Senate in Session	
5:15 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
6:00 p.m.	Move into Hotel Rooms	
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	The Capitol Spotlight Talent Show & Refreshments Gather in Capitol City Suites B & C for entertainment so not to disturb other guests. Please be quiet in the hallways.	Capitol City Suites B & C
11:15 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:15 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)	
Thursday, April 24, 2025		
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Governor's Welcome Breakfast	Capitol City Suite A
8:30 a.m.	Buses to the Capitol	
9:00 - 10:10 a.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
10:20 - 12:00	House & Senate in Session	
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Group Picture	Steps on the Back Side of Capitol
2:20 - 3:05 p.m.	House & Senate in Committee	
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	House & Senate in Session	
5:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Game Room	Capitol City Suite A
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Governors Dance & Reception	Capitol City Suite A
11:15 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:15 p.m. - 6:45 a.m.)	
Friday, April 25, 2025		
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Governor's Farewell Breakfast Move all luggage out of your hotel room	Capitol City Suite A Kanawha River Suite
8:30 a.m.	Buses to the Capitol	
8:45 - 9:05 a.m.	House & Senate in Committee for Legislation	
9:05 a.m.	Complete Exit Surveys in Committee	
	Pass out Ballots - DO NOT VOTE UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATION(S) IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE CHAMBER	
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Senate & House in Session for Legislation Consideration	
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Election of House and Senate Officers	
11:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislative & Supreme Court Election of 2026 Youth Governor	
	Achievements of 2025 Legislature	Thomas Sibold, Youth Governor
	Achievements of 2025 Supreme Court	Shelby Plants, Youth Chief Justice
	Installation of Officers 2026	Shelby Plants, Youth Chief Justice
	Concluding Remarks	David King, YLA Executive
12:00 p.m.	Board Buses to Return to Hotel	Bus Loop and the Cultural Center
12:15 p.m.	Have a safe trip home!	



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2025 Student Judicial Schedule

Wednesday, April 23, 2025				
12:45 p.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol			
2:00 p.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature and Model Supreme Court Judicial Delegates fill the House Floor before Gallery			House Chamber
3:00 - 3:25p.m.	Introductions, get acquainted, and Practice Cases			Supreme Court
3:25- 3:45 p.m.	Case 1: State of West Virginia v Kobe Brown			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Lilly St. Clair	Rylie Surface	Chloe Pickett	Jacob Boyette
		Emma Mann		
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Cheyenne Harvey, Gabriella Mullens, Maggie Conrad, Delaney Pearson			
3:45– 3:50 p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #1			
3:50 - 4:10 p.m.	Case 2: State of West Virginia v Father N.W.-3			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Kristofer Halstead	Danni Dunbar	Isabella Speece	Kenton Stump
		Lylla Shorter		
	Justices: Tripp McMillion, Bryce Isner, Joelle Gonchoff, Kamryn Watson, Taylor Dawson,			
4:10 - 4:15pm.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #2			
4:15 - 4:35p.m.	Case 3: State of West Virginia v Oscar Ross Combs Sr.			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Emma Collett	Lena Rose Walker	Emily McBee	Ash Roth
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Delaney Pearson, Emily Suarez, Shyann Hurst, Lysie Perdue			
4:35 - 4:40 p.m	Discussion & Wrap up Case #3			
4:40 - 5:00 p.m.	Case 4: State of West Virginia v Jeremy Dale Bartram			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Jamie Collins	Brendolyn Williams	Alexis Wuchner	Danni Dunbar
	Izzy Speece	Taylor Dawson		
	Justices: Cheyenne Harvey, Tripp McMillion, Bryce Isner, Gracie Hunter, Olivia Hanna			
5:00 - 5:05p.m.	Discussion & Wrap up Case #4			
5:15 p.m.	Board Bus back to hotel			Bus loop Culture Center Side
6:00 p.m.	Move into your hotel room			
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own			
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	The Capitol Spotlight Talent Show & Refreshments			Capitol City Suites B & C
	Gather in Capitol City B & C for entertainment so not to disturb other guests. Please be quiet in the hallways.			
11:15 p.m.	In your OWN room and QUIET (Curfew 11:15p.m. - 7:00 a.m.)			
Thursday, April 24, 2025				
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Welcome Breakfast			Capitol City Suite A
8:30 a.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol			



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9:00 - 9:20 a.m.	Case 5: Donald Gwinn v JP Morgan Chase			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Kaitlin Davis	Harper Currence	Rebekah Wilkerson	Kristofer Halstead
9:20 - 9:30 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #5	Justices: Shelby Plants, Bryce Isner, Carol Russell, Emma Mann, Lena Rose Walker			
	Case 6: Richard D. v State of West Virginia			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Olivia Hanna	Kamryn Watson	Jamie Collins	Audrey Ferguson
9:50 - 10:00 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #6	Mazey Thomas	Riley Joslin		
	Justices: Tripp McMillion, Cheyenne Harvey, Aubreigh Anderson, Lylla Shorter, Skylar Brubaker			
	Case 7: Leena Shah and Uday Shah v James T. Bowen			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #7	Joan Wilkerson	Alexis Wuchner	Brendolynn Williams	Emma Collett
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Delaney Pearson, Lora Fernatt, Rylie Surface, Lilly St. Clair			
	Case 8: Rimdaugas K v Gerda K			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
10:50– 11:00 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #8	Shyann Hurst	Skylar Brubaker	Mazey Thomas	Olivia Hanna
	Lanie Taylor	Lydia King		
	Justices: Bryce Isner, Emily Suarez, Harper Currence, Reghan Cutlip, Kaitlin Davis			
	Case 9: James Hendershot v State of West Virginia			
11:20- 11:30 a.m. Wrap up & Discussion Case #9	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Maggie Conrad	Carol Russell	Lena Rose Walker	Rylie Surface
	Lynsie Perdue	Lora Fernatt		
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Cheyenne Harvey, Mazey Thomas, Kristopher Halstead, Ash Roth			
11:30 - 11:50	Case 10: Carl Wayne Rich v State of West Virginia			
	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Kenton Stump	Kaitlyn Davis	Aubreigh Anderson	Emma Mann
11:50 - 12:00 Wrap up & Discussion Case #10	Justices: Delaney Pearson, Tripp McMillion, Emily McBee, Lyda King, Lanie Taylor			

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own

1:45 - 2:15 pm Group Pictures on the Back Steps of the Capitol



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2:30 - 2:50	Case 11: State of West Virginia v Mother S.K.-21			
2:50 - 3:00 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #12	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Reghan Cutlip	Gabriella Mullens	Carol Russell	Emily Suarez
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Alexis Wuchner, Brendolynn Williams, Chloe Pickett, Rebekah Wilkerson			
3:00 - 3:20 pm	Case 12: Michael W. v Jennifer W			
3:20 - 3:30 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #13	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Gray Hunter	Ash Roth	Harper Currence	Joelle Gonchoff
	Justices: Cheyenne Harvey, Emma Collett, Jamie Collins, Isabella Speece, Danni Dunbar			
3:30 - 3:50 pm	Case 13: State of West Virginia v Darryl Harvey			
3:50 - 4:00 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #14	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Audrey Ferguson	Emily Suarez	Kaitlin Davis	Lanie Taylor
	Jacob Boyette			
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Kenton Stump, Tripp McMillion, Delaney Pearson, Carol Russell			
4:00 - 4:20 pm	Case 14: State of West Virginia v Leslie G.			
4:20 - 4:30 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #15	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Aubreigh Anderson	Joelle Gonchoff	Gabriella Mullens	Shyann Hurst
	Justices: Bryce Isner, Olivia Hanna, Cheyenne Harvey, Maggie Conrad, Lysie Perdue			
4:30 - 4:50	Case 15: Misty Kruse v Tourja Farid, MD			
4:50 - 5:00 pm Wrap up & Discussion Case #15	Appellants	Appellees	Clerk	Bailiff
	Emily McBee	Chloe Pickett	Gracie Hunter	Taylor Dawson
	Justices: Shelby Plants, Audrey Ferguson, Jacob Boyette, Tripp McMillion, Delaney Pearson			
5:00 pm	Bus to hotel - Bus Loop Culture Center - See LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES			

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Governor's Farewell Breakfast Move All Luggage out of your hotel room	Capitol City Suite A Kanawha River Suite
8:30 a.m.	All Judicial Delegates take buses to Capitol	
8:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Youth Justice Review Opinions Exit Surveys, Suggestions and Improvements for 2025 ELECTION of 2026 Youth Chief Justice	
11:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature and Model Supreme Court Fill the floor seats before going to the Gallery Election of 2026 Youth Governor	House Chamber See Legislative schedule
12:00 p.m.	Buses back to the Hotel	Bus Loop at Culture Center
12:15 p.m.	Have a safe trip home!	

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Section III: YLA and Youth in Government Leadership

2025 Youth in Government Leadership

Name	Title	School
Thomas Sibold	Governor	James Monroe
Shelby Plants	Chief Justice	Point Pleasant
Sarah McBee	President of the Senate	John Marshall
Leila "LeLe" Brock	Speaker of the House	Mingo County
Justice Tim Armstead	Chairman	WV Youth in Government Committee



Thomas Sibold
Youth Governor



Shelby Plants
Youth Chief Justice



Sarah McBee
Youth
President of the Senate



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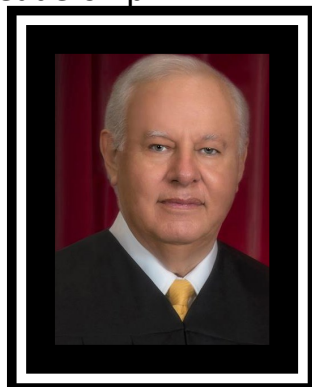


Justice Tim Armstead
Chairman
WV YLA Youth in Government Committee

West Virginia Capitol Leadership



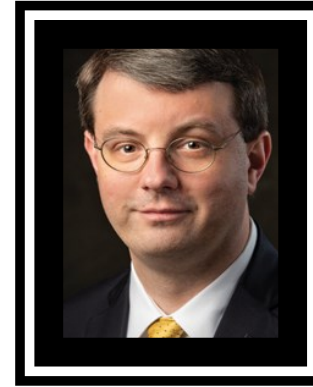
Patrick Morrissey
Governor



William Wooton
Chief Justice



Randy Smith
President of the Senate



Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House



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YLA Board Officers

Name	Position	Residence
David Runkle	President	Catonsville, MD
Aaron Stockmeister	Vice President	Cincinnati, OH
Lynne Crow	Secretary	Gallipolis, OH
Joe Caltrider	Treasurer	Charles Town, WV

YLA Board Members

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Bill Bissett	Charleston, WV	Riley Keaton	Spencer, WV
Angie Domico-Cox	Elizabeth, WV	Conrad Lucas	Charleston, WV
Tess Elshoff	New Bremen, OH	George Manahan	So. Charleston, WV
Michael French	Columbus, OH	Chris Miller	Huntington, WV
Clare Gordon	Columbus, OH	Karen Price	Charleston, WV
Jessica Greathouse	So. Charleston, WV	Ron Stollings	Madison, WV
Chris Hamilton	Charleston, WV	Steve Volk	Milford, OH

YLA Board Members Emeritus

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Mark Cannon	Reston, VA	Sarah Minear	Morgantown, WV
Charles Creamer	Lebanon, OH	Gordon R. Thorn	Morgantown, WV
Ellen Goodwin	Morgantown, WV		

YLA Mission and Vision

YLA's Mission

We believe that helping youth achieve their full potential is our primary mission. We seek to help youth develop leadership and citizenship skills for a lifelong commitment to service through character building programs for all that strengthen spirit, mind, and body.

YLA's Vision

People with a YLA experience will be in every community helping to create better futures for all.

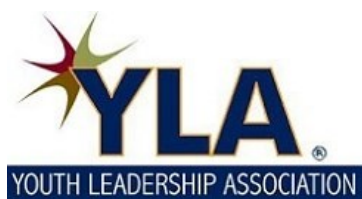
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Section IV: Leadership and Award Recipient History

Youth in Government Leadership History

Year	State Chairman	State Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
1958	Cecil Underwood	A. R. Deiss		Rebecca Colebank
1960	Cecil Underwood	A. R. Deiss		Douglas E. McKinney
1963	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		David Wellman
1964	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		James Lynch
1965	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		Lawrence Crofford
1966	Thompson Chandler	Walter I. Jacoby		Mike Reed
1967	Thompson Chandler	Robert J. Miller		Ty Cobb
1968	Thompson Chandler	Richmond Wright		Jerry F. Mick
1970	Thompson Chandler	Richmond Wright		Reese H. Fuller
1971		Linn Holloway		Charles G. Hornick
1972		David King		Howard Purdum
1973		David King		Christopher Dean
1974		David King		Jimmy Cook
1975		David King		William Price
1976		David King		Suellen Tweel
1977		David King		Renick Perry
1978		David King		Midge Sayers
1979	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King		Deborah Stiles
1980	Gus Douglass	David King		Terry Echols
1981	Gus Douglass	David King		Rob Klepadlo
1982	Roy Truby	David King		Robert Harris
1983	Roy Truby	David King		Craig Fugaro
1984	Emma Lou Milhorn	David King		Malisa Smith
1985	Emma Lou Milhorn	David King		Robert Whitmore
1986	A. James Manchin	David King		Christi Goosman
1987	A. James Manchin	David King		Karen Lovitch
1988	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King		Joe Caltrider
1989	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Karl Dotson	Raymund Dala
1990	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Karl Dotson	Don Bruce
1991	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Michelle Russell	Kelley Jones
1992	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Juliet Huffman	Joseph T. Cooper
1993	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Adam Jones	Mary Taylor
1994	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Jaimee Stuchell	Chad Stallard
1995	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Jenny Huffman	Chris Groves
1996	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Mary Anne Clendenin	Brad Wilson
1997	William T. Brotherton, Jr.	David King	Amanda Jones	Ryan Gutwald
1998	W. Richard Staton	David King	Grant Dragan	Laurel Lackey
1999	W. Richard Staton	David King	Grant Dragan	Jonathan Bandy



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Youth in Government Leadership History (continued)

Year	State Chairman	State Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
2000	W. Richard Staton	David King	Bobbie Godbey	Lori Hildreth
2001	W. Richard Staton	David King	Jennifer Stewart	Ryan Lewis
2002	W. Richard Staton	David King	Angie Nida	Scott Yates
2003	W. Richard Staton	David King	Dollie Rollins	Ryan Donovan
2004	W. Richard Staton	David King	Carrie Staton	Joseph Hagy
2005	W. Richard Staton	David King	Shane Dragan	James Staten
2006	W. Richard Staton	David King	Aliy Bossert	Ben Love
2007	W. Richard Staton	David King	Rebecca Mitchem	Andrew Koerber
2008	W. Richard Staton	David King	Samuel Lovejoy	Cameron Wilson
2009	W. Richard Staton	David King	Dylan Adams	Isaac Picklesimer
2010	W. Richard Staton	David King	Jaci Goodwin	Jordan Lovejoy
2011	W. Richard Staton	David King	Alex Trembly	Taylor Fealy
2012	W. Richard Staton	Lois Nelson	Bryce Staton	Varun Menon
2013	Roman W. Prezioso	David King	Michaela Winfrey	Brett Atkinson
2014	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Jacob Boyce	Ashley Barlow
2015	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Corrin Lewis	Tyler Jenkins
2016	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Corrin Lewis	Roark Sizemore
2017	Roman W. Prezioso	Thomas Starr	Tabby Palomo	Matthew Meadows
2018	Roman W. Prezioso	David Runkle	Sami Frazier	Bryce Dickerson
2019	Roman W. Prezioso	Chandler Grooms	Brady Davis	Jacob Shull
2020	Roman W. Prezioso	David Cooper	Kasey Lyons	Carter Brown
2021	Roman W. Prezioso	David Cooper	Jada Stutts	Matthew Goff
2022	Paul Espinosa	David Cooper	Lauren Ballard	Matthew Goff
2023	Paul Espinosa	Tony Antonini	Madisen McMillion	Luke Jackson
2024	Paul Espinosa/Craig Blair	David King	Cole Thomas	Ella G. Waters
2025	Justice Tim Armstead	David King	Shelby Plants	Thomas Sibold

Spirit of the Mountain Recipients

2004	Jessica Lynch	2013	Governor Gaston Caperton, III
2005	Governor Cecil Underwood	2014	Sylvia Mathews-Burwell
2006	Ed Maier	2015	Major General James A. Hoyer
2007	David & Susan Hardesty	2016	Governor Earl Ray & First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin
2008	Senator Jay D. Rockefeller, IV	2017	Brad D. & Alys Smith
2009	Bill Raney	2018	Dr. E. Gordon Gee
2010	Gayle C. Manchin	2022	Roger Hanshaw, WV Speaker of the House
2011	James H. "Buck" Harless	2023	Justice Thomas E. McHugh
2012	David L. King	2024	George Manahan

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

West Virginia Governor's Office

West Virginia Secretary of State's Office

West Virginia Supreme Court

West Virginia Treasurer's Office

West Virginia Legislators

West Virginia Department of Education

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