

So you've decided you're ready to jump on board with the Y movement? Wonderful! Welcome to the most fun, most rewarding way to use your super-limited free time! Here are some simple steps to get the program off the ground.

1. **Talk to your Principal**- make sure he or she is aware of the program and supportive- if you need any help getting your administration on your team, ask your Regional Director for help- this is why we're here!

2. **Recruit some members**- There are lots of ways to approach recruitment, but here are the ones we see most often:

- Cherry Pick- wrangle a few students you know well and trust to pilot the program.
- Fuse with an existing group- Do you have a student council, class officers, or an existing service or politically focused club? Why not use the Student Y model to engage their leadership skills and launch a passion for service!
- In School Presentations- your Regional Director is happy to come to your school and do a circuit- we can catch everyone during a class every student is required to take, speak to a specific set of classes (Social Studies Classes, Foreign Language, etc.), or present to the whole school, assembly style.
- Hold an interest meeting- spread the word via posters, flyers, and word of mouth- show a promo video on morning announcements, if possible- and invite your Regional Director to speak to all interested students in a meeting before or after school.

3. **Set goals for your chapter**- do you want to attend KYA and/or KUNA? Do lots of service? Launch a large-scale voter registration drive? Support the athletic department? You get to decide what Student Y will look like at your school, so sit down with your founders and decide who you want to be!

4. **Elect officers**- KY YMCA recommends that you elect a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Service Chair, and a Public Relations Chair, but you are free to combine the duties that fall under those positions or create new ones to suit your needs and your students.

5. **Affiliate**- fill out the Affiliation Form and submit that, along with the \$75 charter fee, to make your status official.

6. **Do a service project**- knock out a simple one early in the year to get the momentum going! Don't forget to fill out the Service Report Form to ensure you get the credit you deserve!

7. **Get ready for KYA/KUNA**- refer to the KYA or KUNA how to guide to see how to get started

8. **Complete the Chapter Monthly Report Form** by the end of each month and start racking up some points!

**CONGRATULATIONS! You're a student Y! Go forth and change the world!**