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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2018

The **Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA)** is a 3-day experiential learning program in which students serve as part of a model state government. KYA offers students the opportunity to learn and debate policy issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging with peers from around Kentucky.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES

Middle School KYA 1 • Nov. 4-6
Middle School KYA 2 • Nov. 8-10
Middle School KYA 3 • Dec. 2-4
Middle School KYA 4 • Dec. 9-11

HIGH SCHOOL DATES

High School KYA 1 • Nov. 15-17
High School KYA 2 • Nov. 18-20
High School KYA 3 • Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Intent for KYA: www.kyymca.org/kya/registration

KYA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

At KYA, students participate in one of our program areas based on their grade, experience, and preference. Each program area has a variety of delegate roles available to students, which are summarized below and outlined in greater detail at www.kyymca.org/kya

Presiding and Supporting Officers lead each program area, and interested students can visit the KYA Officers page to learn about the different ways they can serve: www.kyymca.org/kya/officers

Bluegrass House & Senate | HS & MS **Commonwealth House & Senate | HS & MS**

Our Legislative program is our largest program area, and is split into Bluegrass and Commonwealth. These two programs are separated by grade and experience, but operate under the same structure. In the Legislative program, delegates research, write, and debate bills on state issues as Senators and Representatives. The number of bills in Bluegrass or Commonwealth a delegation can sponsor depends on how many of their delegates are in that program. KYA: 1-15 (1 bill), 16-30 (2 bills), 31-45 (3 bills), 46-60 (4 bills), 61+ (5 bills max).

Example: If your delegation has 17 students in Bluegrass, and 5 students in Commonwealth, you would bring two Bluegrass bills and one Commonwealth bill.

For a full breakdown of who participates in each program, see Eligibility Charts at www.kyymca.org/kya/bluegrass and www.kyymca.org/kya/commonwealth

Executive Cabinet & Lobbyists | HS Only | 1 Lobbyist per Commonwealth Bill

Lobbyist delegates represent clients in support and opposition of Commonwealth Bills by testifying in committees, distributing talking points during House/Senate debate, and meeting with members of the Executive Cabinet. Cabinet positions are application-based. Lobbyists and Executive Cabinet members must meet the eligibility requirements for the Commonwealth House/Senate (see chart).

Supreme Court | HS Only | 10-12th graders; 1 team of 1-3 students per delegation

Supreme Court teams serve as attorneys by preparing and presenting oral arguments on a case before legal professionals and student Justices of the KYA Supreme Court. When not presenting arguments, delegates work on advisory opinions for the Attorney General regarding the constitutionality of bills passed by the Commonwealth House and Senate. Supreme Court team spaces are limited at each KYA!

Media Corps | HS Only | 10-12th graders; 1 student per delegation

Media Corps delegates craft compelling news stories on important Assembly topics. Media delegates publish their articles and content on a variety of platforms, including our website and social media.

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WHY KYA?

To learn about Kentucky and expand your perspective

While researching their bill topics, students learn in-depth about the problems we face in Kentucky. At KYA, participants interact with peers from all across the Commonwealth, learning about the issues they hold dear, and the differing perspectives they may have.

To learn and practice civil discourse

The goal of legislation is to solve the issues we face, which is easy when we all agree on the solution. Participants at KYA learn what to do when we disagree, how to treat each other with respect and positivity when it happens, and how to work with their fellow Kentuckians through cooperation and compromise towards a common goal.

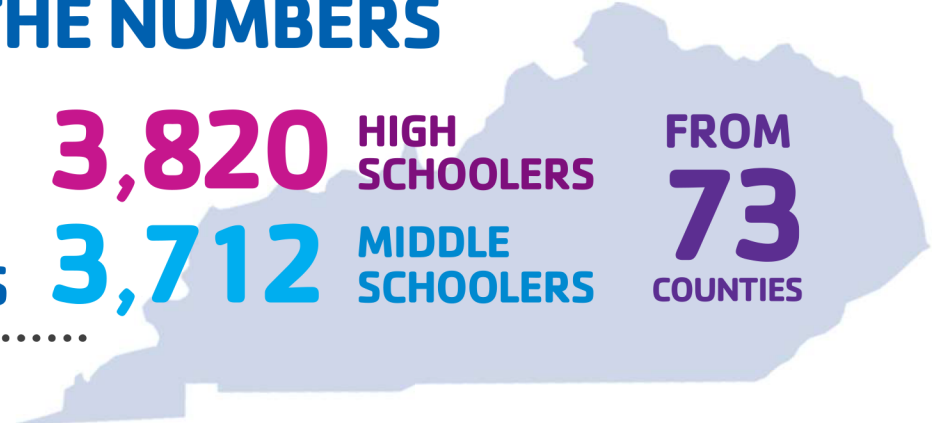
To sharpen your skills and build confidence

At KYA, participants practice their skills in debate, both in terms of quality of speech and ability to think critically about different issues and solutions. Alongside some of the best youth leaders in Kentucky, students can learn from each other and watch their confidence grow each time they step up to the podium.

To empower youth to be the leaders of today

No matter how old you are, you have the power to impact your community. At KYA, students learn the agency they have now, and how to empower themselves to enact change everywhere they can. Through researching and writing bills, they find the issues they're passionate about, and through debate they find the power their individual voice can have.

KYA 2017 | BY THE NUMBERS



7,532 STUDENT DELEGATES
3,820 HIGH SCHOOLERS
3,712 MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
73 COUNTIES

REPRESENTING

262 SCHOOLS
127 HIGH SCHOOLS
135 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

DATES & DEADLINES

Delegations choose the dates that work best for their school/organization, but space is limited! Get connected with the online community and submit a KYA Intent Form at: www.kyymca.org/kya/registration

MIDDLE SCHOOL KYA

All Assemblies will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, KY

Assembly	Dates	Financial Aid Due	Registration Due
MS KYA 1	Nov. 4-6	September 27	October 11
MS KYA 2	Nov. 8-10	September 27	October 11
MS KYA 3	Dec. 2-4	October 11	October 25
MS KYA 4	Dec. 9-11	October 11	October 25

HIGH SCHOOL KYA

All Assemblies will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, KY

Assembly	Dates	Financial Aid Due	Registration Due
HS KYA 1	Nov. 15-17	September 27	October 11
HS KYA 2	Nov. 18-20	September 27	October 11
HS KYA 3	Nov. 29-Dec. 1	October 11	October 25

KYA FAQ | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is covered in the conference fees?

- Conference fees cover lodging, Day 2 lunch and dinner, Day 3 breakfast, program materials, and transportation to and from the Capitol in Frankfort.
- For full pricing information, visit www.kyymca.org/kya/FAQ

Q. Is Financial Aid available?

- Yes - the Y is committed to ensuring access for all interested students.
- To be considered, a student and parent/guardian must complete the aid application and submit it by the deadline for your KYA (on back): www.kyymca.org/financial-aid

Q. If I have questions, who is my Regional Staff Member?

- All schools have a Regional Staff Member responsible for helping them get prepared for KYA. They are your primary contact for any questions about the conference or registration process, and can even meet in person with you and your delegation to go over the entire process more in-depth.
- You can find contact info for your Regional Staff at: www.kyymca.org/regions

For our full FAQ, visit <http://www.kyymca.org/kya/FAQ/>



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