



KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY



WHAT IS KUNA?

The **Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)** is a 2-day experiential learning program in which students serve as part of a model United Nations. KUNA offers students the opportunity to experience cultures from around the world, develop empathy, and hone critical thinking skills while engaging with a wide variety of perspectives and global issues.

Available to middle and high school students (grades 6-8 and 9-12), KUNA provides an in-depth experience into international diplomacy. Through preparing for and participating in the conference, students learn about the global issues that matter to them, and expand their perspective on issues facing people around the world that may be completely new to them.

WHY KUNA?

Building professional skills and confidence

KUNA gives students the stage to build their confidence in front of others and refine their professional skills. Students participating in KUNA reported areas of growth; Self-Confidence and Public Speaking saw the biggest gains after the conference with increases of 17% and 14% respectively. Concise and Effective Writing skills increased by 12%.

Understanding international issues and policy

Crafting resolutions and debating with fellow students from across the state allow participants to learn more about the way countries work together to solve for global problems. 89% of students either 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree' that they've gained an expanded learning of international diplomacy, policies, and law.

Learning about new cultures and perspectives

Through curating cultural presentations and exploring them at KUNA, students can learn about hundreds of traditions all in the course of a few hours. 92% of students either 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree' that they have learned about new countries and international culture, and 94% of first-time attendees responded positively.

Gaining global experiences right at home

KUNA brings students out of their bubble, learning about places and ideas that may never come across in their daily lives. While many students might look into these things later in life, 48% of students said they weren't looking to pursue an international career, making KUNA a rare global experience they may otherwise not get.

A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Participating in KUNA is now more accessible than ever, as the 2021 Virtual Kentucky United Nations Assembly will take place entirely online!

ZOOM CONFERENCING

The Zoom video conferencing software has become the staple for virtual programming. After running over 35 programs and events via Zoom in 2020, Kentucky Y staff have become experts in the field.

SCHOOL-DAY HOURS

Still functioning as an excused-absence "field-trip," virtual KUNA conferences will take place roughly during regular school hours (9am-3pm EST).

ACCESSIBLE PRICING

KUNA has never been more affordable. Conference fees are **\$50 for Student-Y members** and **\$75 for non-members**, and scholarships are available at kymmca.org/scholarship.

KUNA FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is an advisor and how will they be involved?

- Advisors are school representatives that are the official adult contact for each school.
- Pre-conference, Advisors coordinate their students to ensure they are prepared for the conference, and also take care of registering their school for KUNA.
- At conference, Advisors regularly meet with their students virtually throughout each day to make sure everyone is ready to go, assist their students when necessary, and observe their students during debate. Advisors attend KUNA at no-cost.

Q. How does conference registration work?

- All registration takes place through the Kentucky YMCA's online community, which Advisors can be added to by contacting their Regional Staff Member.
- Schools must first choose their conference dates and reserve their spot at that assembly by submitting an intent, including an estimated number of students and adults attending.
- A few weeks before the assembly dates, conference registration will open via the online community, where advisors will submit student rosters, resolutions, and student roles.

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 KUNA. They are your primary contact for any questions about the conference or registration process, and are dedicated to helping you and your students feel comfortable and confident.
- You can find contact info for your Regional Staff at: www.kymmca.org/regions

For our full FAQ, visit <http://www.kymmca.org/kuna/FAQ/>

KUNA PROGRAM AREAS

At KUNA, 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/kuna

KUNA is an entirely **student-led** assembly, with Presiding and Supporting Officers leading each program area. Interested students can learn about the different ways they can serve at www.kyymca.org/kuna/officers

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

General Assembly

General Assembly is our largest program area, and includes all students not participating in another program. Students research, write, and debate resolutions on global issues as UN representatives from your school's selected country.

Security Council

1 student per country

Security Council ambassadors debate issues pertaining to international security in an open debate format, drafting resolutions live during the program.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Secretariat and NGOs

1 NGO per delegation

NGO representatives advocate on behalf of international organizations in the General Assembly, distributing talking points during debate, and meeting with members of the Secretariat, who advise the Secretary General.

Media Corps

1 student per delegation

Media Corps delegates cover the news and events of the Assembly through a variety of multi-media journalism practices.

Intl. Court of Justice

1 team of 1-3 students per delegation

ICJ teams serve as attorneys by preparing and presenting oral arguments on cases before legal professionals and student ICJ Presidents and Justices.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DATES

Middle School KUNA 2 • March 22-23

HIGH SCHOOL DATES

High School KUNA 1 • March 1-2
High School KUNA 2 • March 15-16
High School KUNA 3 • March 18-19

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