



FLORIDA ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

FLORIDA FOCUSED CIVIC EDUCATION

Florida YMCA Youth In Government

Founded in 1957, Florida YMCA Youth In Government (YIG) is a youth-run, youth-led program focused on developing leadership and life skills through active civic engagement and community service. Student Y Chapters meet regularly at local YMCAs and schools to strengthen 21st century civic knowledge and skills.

High School Program

Our high school program is a yearlong extracurricular experience. In the fall, we host a Delegate Convention, where students begin statewide trainings and elections. In the spring, students travel to Tallahassee to serve as senators, representatives, attorneys, justices, executive agency heads, legislative affairs directors, and legislative whips within our model government.



Middle School Program

In our middle school program, participants may attend Junior Assembly, where they take on the role of state senators and representatives as they guide their own ideas through the model legislative process and participate in a budget simulation. High school students act in the role of mentor, teaching middle school delegates all that they need to know!



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Objectives for Funding

REPRIORITIZE in-person programs post COVID-19 and maintain virtual opportunities to increase program accessibility.

CONTINUE to develop our organization’s registration infrastructure and online community to allow any interested middle school or high school student in Florida to connect effortlessly with Youth In Government programming.

PILOT a virtual cohort that would allow interested students to meet with peers and mentors from across the state to write bills and prepare for Youth In Government Statewide Assemblies, expanding programming in areas where we do not currently offer in-person chapter meetings.

IMPLEMENT leadership training for students to support their transition from participating in the virtual cohort to leading in-person meetings in their schools and communities.

PROVIDE training to teachers and volunteers, along with a stipend, to support student leaders establishing in-person chapters in their schools and communities.

ADMINISTER scholarships and support transportation to ensure that no barriers prevent interested students from engaging in our in-person programs.

2020-2021 Program Year Outcomes

Engaged over **200 students** in Statewide Assemblies, conducted virtually due to COVID-19

Supported Middle and High School Student Y Chapters in **15 Counties**

Piloted a **Virtual Y-Corps Service Cohort** where students earned Bright Futures eligible hours

Built a **new, user-friendly registration system** and online community, launched in Fall 2021