

8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars

The Purpose

Our 8th graders learn the operation of state government, strengthen their understanding of the three branches of government, better understand the Constitution, and learn the responsibilities of citizenship.

The Students

Participation is open to 8th graders from every school and homeschoolers from across the state. The program currently reaches students **from thirty (30) counties and seventy-seven (78) different schools**. Our goal is for every county to participate.

The Classroom

The Capitol – Senate, House of Delegates, Governor's Office, Supreme Court, other Constitutional Officers; the United States Federal Court and the Charleston Municipal Court.

The Instructors

Legislators, Judges, Department Heads, Program Volunteers, and YLA staff.

The Schedule

Seminars are three day (Mon-Wed or Wed-Fri) sessions held during the Legislative Session January - February. Students invite their local legislators to a banquet dinner on the closing evening (Tues/Thur) of each session at 6:15 pm.

Legislative Banquet

Students get to meet and interact with their Legislators at an evening banquet.

The Learning Model

Observation, questioning, and discussion with elected and appointed officials, as well as key government staff help students experience the complete process of governance.

The Sponsors

The 8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars are a program of the Youth Leadership Association in cooperation with the WV Department of Education, Governor's Office, WV Supreme Court of Appeals, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, President of the Senate and Senators, Speaker of the House and Delegates, Charleston Municipal Court, United States Federal Court, WV State Bar Foundation, participating parents, schools and teachers, and Founder Al Emch from Jackson Kelly.

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2018 Participating Counties and Schools

January 22-24, 2018

Boone (*Madison, Sherman, Van*)
McDowell (*Mount View, Sandy River, Southside*)
Mingo (*Williamson*)
Monroe (*Mountain View, Peterstown*)
Summers (*Summers Co.*)
Wyoming (*Baileysville, Glen Fork, Herndon, Huff, Mullens, Oceana, Pineville, Road Branch*)

January 29-31, 2018

Berkeley (*Hedgesville, Martinsburg North, Martinsburg South, Mountain Ridge, Musselman, Spring Mills*)
Lincoln (*Hamlin*)
Ohio (*Bridge Street, Triadelphia, Warwood, Wheeling*)
Taylor (*Taylor Co.*)

February 5-7, 2018

Cabell (*Barboursville, Milton*)
Greenbrier (*Eastern Greenbrier*)
Jackson (*Ravenswood*)
Mason (*Point Pleasant*)
Monongalia (*Trinity*)
Putnam (*Geo Washington, Hurricane, Poca, Winfield*)
Tucker (*Davis-Thomas, Tucker Valley*)
Tyler (*Tyler Consolidated*)

Leadership

Character

Service

Entrepreneurship

Philanthropy

February 14-16, 2018

Braxton (*Braxton Co.*)
Fayette (*Collins, Fayetteville, Valley*)
Monongalia (*South*)
Pocahontas (*Green Bank, Marlinton*)
Raleigh (*Beckley Stratton, Independence, Park, Shady Spring, St. Francis de Sales, Trap Hill*)
Webster (*Hacker Valley, Webster Co.*)

February 26-28, 2018

Barbour (*Belington, Kasson, Philippi*)
Grant (*Petersburg*)
Harrison (*Bridgeport, Lumberport, Mountaineer, Notre Dame, South Harrison, Washington Irving*)
Marshall (*Cameron, Moundsville, Sherrard*)
Pleasants (*Pleasants Co.*)
Preston (*South Preston, Terra Alta/ East Preston*)
Wetzel (*Long Drain, New Martinsville, Paden City, Short Line*)





YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

2019 is the 38th Annual 8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars

The dates are:

Session #1 January 14-16, 2019

Boone, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Wyoming

Session #2 January 21-23, 2019

Berkeley, Brooke, Hancock, Jefferson, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio

Session #3 February 4-6, 2019

Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Mason, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood

Session #4 February 13-15, 2019

Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Webster

Session #5 February 25-27, 2019

Barbour, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Harrison, Mineral, Pendleton, Preston, Taylor, Tucker

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