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Community Services YMCA
Youth in City Government
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Cincinnati, OH 45202
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August 12, 2008

Dear Advisors:

Due to the Presidential elections and two consecutive years of snow this year's youth council voted to move the annual Youth in City Government Conference to October. This will be our debut year!

In order to accommodate school schedules we have also shortened the conference from 3 days to 2 days. The dates for the October Youth in City Government event are **Tuesday, October 7th**, and **Wednesday, October 8th**.

There is no limit on the number of students per school. Also, there is no limit on high school grade level – all freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible and encouraged to participate this year.

There is a \$50 program fee to cover meals and supplies, scholarships are available upon request. Please provide any interested students with the one-page scholarship application form.

Keeping program costs down and providing scholarship support, the long-term support and partnership of the Murray & Agnes Seasingood Foundation for Good Government, the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Public Schools, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Commission on Education are greatly appreciated!

Please use the enclosed **Student Roster Form** to forward the names, email addresses, phone numbers, and addresses of this year's participants by **September 25th**, to Jana Lavelle Nattermann at the Community Services YMCA, 1105 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, fax 513-651-3540, or e-mail the information to jlavelle@cincinnatiymca.org.

On behalf of the entire Youth in City Government Program Team, thank you for your participation in Youth in City Government.

Sincerely,

Jana Lavelle Nattermann
Director, Civic Engagement
Community Services YMCA

Heather Couch
Youth Mayor
Youth in City Government

Enclosures



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Student Information

You are invited to represent your high school at Youth In City Government (YICG), a stimulating two-day conference. Come prepared to participate, to be involved, to ask questions and to express your views. You will be the special guest of top city officials, city council members, and the Youth City Council.

Your Board of Education has consented to your participation in this program in place of attendance in your school classroom for two school days. The City of Cincinnati is providing the speakers and the sites for the program. The YMCA of Greater Cincinnati is coordinating the many facets of the program.

The following information will be helpful to you in making plans for your attendance.

October 7th, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Duke Energy Center, Downtown Cincinnati

Report for registration promptly at 8:30 a.m. Student Officers will be available to give you further information at that time. The program will consist of a city panel discussion with City Officials. You will rotate through a series of workshops on Debating and Campaigning. Lunch will be provided on-site. You will have time to work on your ordinance and then debate will begin in the afternoon. Election information will be provided and you will have an opportunity to file your intent to run for youth council. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own lunch. Dress should be what you might wear on a “dress up” day at school.

October 8th, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cincinnati City Hall

Election speeches and voting for the Youth Mayor and Youth Council will begin our day. Debates continue on ordinances. Lunch will be provided at the Cincinnati Club. The swearing in of the new council will take place after lunch along with observing a city council meeting in action! Business attire is required at City Hall. No jeans.

Other Helpful Facts:

Sessions will be cancelled only if Cincinnati Public Schools are closed.

Your attendance at the program will be reported to your school. If you are unable to attend the first day, please notify your advisor or teacher so that a substitute may be appointed for you.

This program is for **open to any high school students, including home-schooled students.**

Please bring a pen and notebook each day to the program.

There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost of meals & supplies for the 3 days.

You will need to provide your own transportation to/from the Convention Center and City Hall.

If you have questions, which are not addressed in this letter, please ask your school advisor or contact Jana Lavelle Nattermann of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati at (513) 363.7609. Information is also available online at www.myy.org/YICG.



October 2008 Scholarship Application

DATE _____

NAME _____
(First) (Last)

HOME ADDRESS _____
(# Street) (City/State) (Zip)

HOME PH (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

GRANT REQUEST

Program participation fee is \$50 balance due upon award of scholarship.

Scholarship amount you are requesting? \$20 \$30 \$40

Please explain what you hope to gain from your experience (list at least 3 expectations in order of importance to you).

How do you think you can impact this program with your participation?

I assure the accuracy of any information given to determine need. Furthermore, as a grant applicant for the Youth in City Government program, I agree to devote the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience if I am selected to become a participant.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

