

PROGRAM CANDIDATE APPLICATION:

*Please fill out this form and click submit to turn it in to the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement Headquarters by DATE.

*You should also make sure that you, your school, parents, and Advisors, go ahead and mark the dates down for your training/conference times now and begin making sure transportation approval/field trip approval is in the works.

*Students by signing this commitment form, you acknowledge that Youth Leadership Series, IMPACT, District Convention - PreLeg, JYA, YA, and the training days before the conferences will take precedent over any sporting event, music event, senior night, ACT/SAT testing, college visits, proms, Spring Break, etc. If you choose to miss the training/prep days before the conference or leave during the conference, the GCCE reserves the right to remove you from your leadership position. If you have further questions, please contact the Coordinator for Marketing & Programs, Brooke Hamil at brooke@georgiacivics.org.

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Student Cell #: _____

Student Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #(s): _____

Which office are you seeking
candidate approval for:

Speaker of the House
Lieutenant Governor
Youth Governor

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If you have social media accounts tied to your campaign, please include them below: (failure to do so and/or failure to follow @gcce_candidatesandcampaigns on Instagram may lead to disqualification from the election)

Officers should plan (expected, not optional) on attending every GCCE Conference: It is required that those choosing to get involved as an officer, also participate in Washington Seminar, IMPACT (YA Officers Training Retreat), District Convention - PreLeg, Junior Youth Assembly, Youth Assembly, Georgia United Nations Assembly, and any other District or State sponsored activity (this may include planning meetings, district/state council meetings, etc.) Do you commit to all required functions? *Please note, should you choose no, you may be removed from your position.

YES NO

All boxes should be checked to indicate commitment, but please check the box of each conference you commit to attend. Not all officials will attend JYA, please check with your District Director to make sure. If you neglect to check required trip boxes, you will not be eligible to serve.

Impact (YA officer retreat) - ____ (date) ____
District Convention - PreLeg - ____ (date) ____
Junior Youth Assembly - ____ (date) ____
Youth Assembly - ____ (date) ____
Georgia United Nations Assembly - ____ (date) ____

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Officials/Candidates Pledge: I understand the commitment I am making/made by running for Youth Assembly Office. I have carefully reviewed the information provided. I have considered the dates of Conferences and events that I am expected to attend and realize that other dates may not have been finalized but the expectation remains. I pledge, whether elected or not, to be a leader in my local school and strive to exemplify high standards through my leadership, service, and daily life. This includes but it not limited to, appropriate dress, words I use, respect for parents and educators. I commit to maintaining good grades and striving to be an example befitting a Youth Assembly Official.

YES NO

CERTIFICATION PROCESS:

Following Application Submission:

- Contact Advisor/Coach for approval
- Contact Parent/Guardian for approval
- Contact Administrator for approval

ADVISOR/COACH EMAIL:

Hey [Advisor],

I wanted to touch base with you even though I am sure you are already aware, [Student Name] has applied to run as a candidate for [Position] at Youth Assembly.

She has filled out a candidate commitment form, and from a strictly paperwork end, would not qualify to run for office.

Before we reach out to see if she will commit to certify, do you have an objection or concern about her running?

If we do not hear back from you by noon next Friday [date], we will assume this is acceptable and move forward with providing next campaign steps to get her commitment in order to confirm her.

If you approve, we would need the approval of an Administrator, and the only other step of confirmation would be parental/guardian approval.

If she runs, and wins this office, there would be expectations of commitment for her. Dates are listed below. Failure to commit to those events which are required, would result in disqualification as a candidate, or removal as an officer. Please note, some of the dates of events haven't been finalized. This is either because of pending contracts, or confirmation of trip dates. We will communicate these specific dates and information as soon as they are firm. The candidate needs to plan accordingly for all the potential dates and times of events as their attendance is expected.

- IMPACT (YA officer retreat) - ___ date ___
- District Convention - PreLeg - ___ date ___
- Junior Youth Assembly - ___ date ___ *Top officials arrive a day early.
- Youth Assembly - ___ date ___ *Top officials arrive a day early.
- Georgia United Nations Assembly - ___ date ___
- Georgia General Assembly Capitol Recognition Day – During the 2021 Legislative Session. Because we have to await an event, this could fall in February or March. *required
- And any additional programs deemed necessary by the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Brooke

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

Hey [parent name],

I hope this email finds you well.

[Student] has expressed interest in running for [Position]. He qualifies from an initial end, and [Advisor] approves as well.

If you approve for him to run, the last step is an administrator approval. Attached you will see that [Student] has filled out the appropriate commitments.

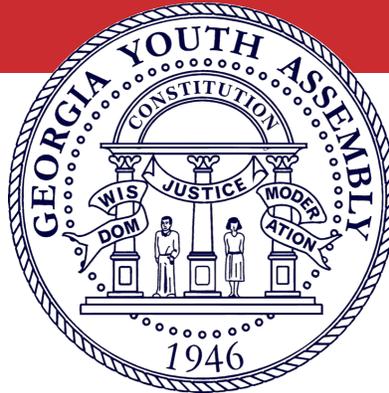
Do you have any objections to him running for this position?

Thanks,

Brooke

**attach PDF of application submission

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL FORM:



Administrator Approval for YA Candidate

School Name: _____

Administrator Name: _____

Administrator Email: _____

Administrator Phone: _____

As an Administrator for _____ School, I approve _____ to run for a leadership position at the 2020-2021 Youth Assembly Program sponsored by the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement. By affixing my signature below (electronic is also acceptable), I agree to allow the candidate to seek this leadership office and support the efforts and commitments the candidate will be undertaking should he/she succeed in the campaign in both the 2019-2020 school year, but the 2020-2021 school year as well.

- IMPACT (YA officer retreat) - (TBA)
- District Convention - PreLeg - Early September 2021 *Held @ the school your District Director publishes.
- Junior Youth Assembly - Fall 2021 *Top officials arrive a day early.
- Youth Assembly - Fall 2021 *Top officials arrive a day early.
- Georgia United Nations Assembly - Spring 2022
- Georgia General Assembly Capitol Recognition Day - During the 2021 Legislative Session. Because we have to await an event, this could fall in February or March. *required
- And any additional programs deemed necessary by the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement.

Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____



CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS AND RULES:

Please note, we will take all submitted applications from candidates but there is a limit of 3 which may actively seek any slated position. For example at YA, only 3* candidates may seek the office of Youth Gov., Lt. Gov., Speaker, etc. Directors and staff will receive all applications and notify applicants when positions have reached candidate capacity. *Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Vice President or State Program Director. If you have further questions, please contact the State Program Coordinator, Brooke Hamil at brooke@georgiacivics.org.

1) Statewide elected - What we call the "Big 3", Youth Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House. Candidate rules for the "Big 3" are listed in the following bullet points.

Requirements:

- Must register as a Senator or Representative
- Must submit a candidate form and be cleared through the 4-step process
- Will be elected by entire State Delegation (voting rules set by VP/State Program Dir.)
- Must be current Juniors (11th Grade) for positions of Speaker, Lt. Gov., or Gov.
- Candidates for Speaker, Lt. Gov., or Gov. are introduced during conference opening day kickoff. They will need to arrive dressed in business professional or change upon arrival.
- Candidates speeches will be given during the time determined by GCCE staff leading up to the conference. Candidates will be notified accordingly. Please email speech ASAP – info@ymcaga.org
- Will be elected during the general election on the second conference day Afternoon/Night.
- Must attend a training session before the 76th Youth Assembly (IMPACT 2020).
- Must be able to commit to attending other conferences and to attend GCCE meetings as notified.
- May not be a current or past District or State ELECTED official.
- No more than one candidate per school. (this only applies for the top 3 positions; the exception is a 1 to 50 rule. For each 50 students registered, 1 additional candidate allowed).
Ex. 1-50 students = 1 candidate 51-100 students = 2 candidates, etc.
- It is PREFERRED/Strongly Advised that candidates for the "Big 3" should have previously attended Youth Assembly (YA). Exceptions or inclusions will be based upon the discretion of the Vice President or State Program Director.
- Must be attending from an Affiliated/Chartered school in good standing.

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Campaign Rules:

- Handout pieces are to be no larger than 4" X 6" (must be 4x6, cannot fold out to be larger) and may not have anything affixed to them such as candy, gum, etc. Hand these out at your own risk; if they are littered all over the conference center and Capitol, staff reserves the rights to disqualify the candidates. They may not be affixed with adhesive to any walls, desks, etc.
- We suggest the cards contain name, photo, office sought, information about the candidate, slogan, etc.
- Cards may not be self-adhesive.
- There may be NO general or mass mailings sent to Clubs or students.
- No posters allowed.
- No cards or promotional materials may be affixed to any building.
- No buttons, pins, or stickers are allowed.
- You are allowed a tri-fold (science fair) type board for the candidate's corner. It can have whatever information you would like to share for your campaign. This can be set up during registration and should be taken down at the dance Monday night.
- Social media accounts may be created. Any cyber bullying or any inappropriate behavior via social media (in any platform) will result in removal as a candidate. Any social media you choose to create, you must submit handles, filters, geo-filters, and hashtags before the conference for approval, if these are not received, they will not be permitted. The campaign account must request to follow @gcce_candidatesandcampaigns upon creation. Failure to adhere to these policies, may result in disqualification from the election.
- Campaign Speeches (Candidates for Speaker, Lt. Governor, or Governor):
- Shall be no longer than 2 minutes.
- Each Candidate will submit their speech via email at info@ymcaga.org by the deadline. Candidates will also bring his/her speech typed and ready for review by the Candidate Coordinator on Sunday afternoon. Time for candidate speeches will be determined as the conference approaches and candidate will be notified accordingly.