

PROGRAM CANDIDATE APPLICATION

*Please fill out this form and return (with scanned signatures) to randell@georgiacivics.org by 10/9/2023.

*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 you may be required to attend Official Training, JYA, YA, training days before conferences, and other events as scheduled. 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 Dr. Randell Trammell at randell@georgiacivics.org.

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

School: _____

I am a Junior: ___ YES ___ NO

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 may lead to disqualification from the election).
Accounts may not be active until approved by GCCE staff.**

Officers should plan (expected, not optional) on attending every GCCE Conference, including, but not limited to, the following: Washington Seminar, YA Officers Training Retreat, Junior Youth Assembly, Youth Assembly, Georgia United Nations Assembly, and any other sponsored activity (this may include planning meetings, district/state meetings, etc.) Do you commit to attend all required functions?
*Please note, should you choose no, you may be removed from your position.

YES NO

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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. I commit to maintaining good grades and to setting an example as a Youth Assembly Official through my actions, speech, and online conduct. .

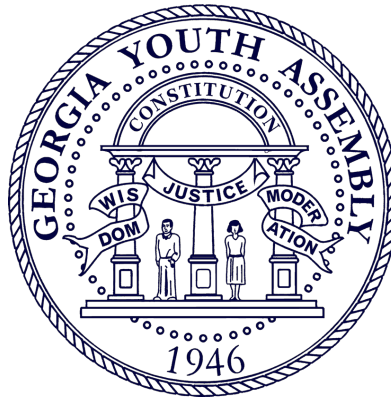
YES NO

CERTIFICATION PROCESS:

For Application Submission:

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

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL FORM:



Administrator Approval for YA Candidate

School Name: _____

Administrator Name: _____

Administrator Email: _____

Administrator Phone: _____

As an Administrator for _____, I approve _____ to run for a leadership position at the 2023-2024 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 2023-24 school year, but the 2024-25 school year as well.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Applying For: _____

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 State Program Director or GCCE President/CEO. If you have further questions, please contact the Center for Civic Engagement.

1) Statewide elected positions - 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 to run by GCCE, guardians, and administrators
- Will be elected by entire State Delegation (voting rules set by GCCE)
- 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.
- Will be elected during the general election on the second conference day.
- Must attend all training/preparation sessions for YA in 2023/24.
- 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 GCCE Staff.
- 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 (on 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. 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 randell@georgiacivics.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.