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# Officer Leadership Corps

## HI-Y, Youth in Government, Model United Nations Officers

### Lead in Building Better Futures

#### Officer Charter

Student officers strengthen, improve and expand all our youth programs to involve more students building better homes, schools and communities across our two states. Student officers are HI-Y's program leaders – in effect the youth program arm of our Ohio-West Virginia State YMCA Board.

Officers convene at HI-Y's Leadership Summit at Horseshoe in June to organize, identify and plan how to strengthen all our programs, increase the numbers of students involved and the impact students will have creating the future. The opportunity is there to make differences for good building on and adding to the legacy of HI-Y officer and member accomplishments that already include –

- A network of HI-Ys developing more informed, involved and prepared teenagers capable of governance who take responsible volunteer actions tackling issues from hunger to literacy – homelessness – entrepreneurship – safety – elderly - environment – bullying and more;
- Building Camp Horseshoe in West Virginia into a life changing experience for hundreds of teens and children each year that is renewing the base of volunteers and leaders for our communities, state and nation;
- Launching the creation of a new nationally significant Center for Community Leadership at Cave Lake in Ohio to renew family, organizational, community, and civic life across Ohio with on-site programs for 31,000 and a statewide outreach to 6,000 youth;
- Creating one of Ohio's top ten Make A Difference Day projects at Cave Lake;
- Volunteer Teen Corps helping needy boys and girls at the Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps turn their lives to achievement;
- Using real life experience to propose legislation to HI-Y's annual YG Student Legislature that every year helps hundreds of teens understand

the role of state government as they propose legislative solutions for a better state;

- Enhancing understanding of the judicial system as students appeal cases to YG's Student Supreme Court;
- Opening windows on the world to teenagers presenting Resolutions in HI-Y's Model United Nations to solve international issues that impact the future as well as their communities, state, nation and world;
- WV Youth Action Council and Ohio HI-Y Teen Ambassadors are positioned for state-wide impact;
- Student representation on the WV State Board of Education;
- Producing thousands of better citizens, local volunteers and leaders plus state and national leaders including former Ohio Governor and Peace Corps Director Richard Celeste, the late Ohio Chief Justice Tom Moyer, and Sylvia Matthews with the Gates Foundation
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution granting the vote to 18 year olds;

## A Call for Officers – Now is the Time to Build HI-Y's Future!

Students with the interest, commitment and time are called to step up as local HI-Y officers, YG and UN officers to lead HI-Y to increased participation, effectiveness and achievement locally and in our states. Officers begin in June's HI-Y Leadership Summit at Horseshoe.

Contact the HI-Y Leadership Center [hi-y@hi-y.org](mailto:hi-y@hi-y.org) and your HI-Y Advisor to get involved.

## **Officer Leadership Corps**

***Strengthening, Improving, Building HI-Y's  
Impact in our Schools, Communities and our Two States***

The Ohio-West Virginia State YMCA Board counts on officers to lead HI-Y, YG and UN to success. Officers with the commitment, vision and time are needed. We need officers who want to make a difference! Our work begins at our HI-Y Leadership Summits. The high school Summit and the middle school Summit are in June.

## HI-Y Officer Corps

HI-Y is a real-life laboratory of citizenship where students learn how to organize and tackle issues confronting families, their schools and communities by creating, leading and governing local HI-Ys. Students apply classroom and life lessons to identify, plan and take volunteer actions to improve family, school and community life. HI-Ys build better futures by making differences for good!

Secure your HI-Y Officers before May 20<sup>th</sup> and submit their names and contact information to the HI-Y Leadership Center.

Have as many officers as possible – and for sure your new President – represent your HI-Y at the June HI-Y Leadership Summit at Horseshoe.

Assure your HI-Y's success by getting your officers trained and on board as part of the two-state HI-Y Officer Corps.

## Youth in Government Officer Corps

YG officers review the just completed program, identify ways to improve YG for the new year, establish goals for the year and lay out a plan of action. Officers engage other students in YG sessions to motivate them to participate and to return home ready to recruit their peers.

YG officers challenge everyone at the Summit to identify issues that need solved by the volunteer actions HI-Ys take back home. Out of tackling issues like hunger, homelessness, the environment, needs of seniors, and other problems, students propose Legislation to YG's Student Legislature. YG is the legislative action arm of HI-Y.

Officer positions elected by students at YG are Governor, Lt. Governor (Ohio only), Speaker, President, Clerks of the House and Senate, Chaplains of the House and Senate, Chief Justice. Appointment positions are Governor's Cabinet, Associate Justices, Press Editor and Committee Chairs.

## Model United Nations Officer Corps

UN officers review the just completed program, identify ways to improve UN for the new year, establish goals for the year and lay out a plan of action. Officers engage other students in UN sessions to motivate them to participate and to return home ready to recruit their peers. HI-Y will offer separate high school and middle school UN Assemblies.

UN officers challenge everyone at the Summit to identify international issues that need solutions and gain understanding how world issues impact their communities and future. Resolutions presented by students to the HI-Y Model UN extend HI-Y's impact beyond the community and state to the world. Hunger, the environment, illiteracy, health and energy are just some world issues confronting our communities that HI-Y students tackle.

Officer positions elected by students at UN are President of the General Assembly, Secretary General, and Council Presidents. Appointment positions are Vice President of Councils.