

2020 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament Nomination Form

Congratulations on taking the first step to becoming a Youth Member in the 2020 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament! All young people in Queensland aged 15 to 25 inclusive are encouraged to apply. We seek out a diverse range of young people to represent the state's young people, so no specific experience or background is required: we primarily look for passion and a demonstrated interest in your community.

The program is wholly run by an Executive team, all under the age of 25; truly making this a program by young people, for young people. If selected, you will be allocated a mentor who will guide you through the entire program and ensure that you are not only enjoying your time, but are supported and engaged throughout the experience.

Key Program Information:

1. Nominations will close at **11:59pm on Sunday 16 February 2020**. Nominations submitted after this time will not be considered.
2. You will be informed of the outcome of your nomination by late February. If successful, you will be sent an electronic letter of offer.
3. Launch Weekend will occur in Brisbane from Friday 3 April – Sunday 5 April. At this residential weekend, you will meet your Executive and other Youth Members, and discuss and plan your ideas for your committee's bill.
4. Between Launch Weekend and Sitting Week, you will assist in drafting the bill, attend community consultations with key stakeholders, engage with your community, and be the representative for the youth of your electorate.
5. Sitting Week will be held in Brisbane from Sunday 27 September - Saturday 3 October. This week is the culmination of the program, where you will debate your bills in Parliament House, meet with Members of Parliament, and participate in exciting personal development activities.
6. We are able to provide scholarships and travel assistance for those who require it for travel to and from Brisbane.
7. The Executive are available to provide significant support and assistance during your time as a Youth Member, including training in public speaking, leadership skills development, seeking sponsorship, and drafting legislation.

You are encouraged to provide a resume or letter of reference to support your application. Please email these to gypcoordinator@ymcabrisbane.org by 11.59pm on 16 February.

If you have any issues or questions while completing this form, please email gypcoordinator@ymcabrisbane.org.

About You

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. We want to know who you are: tell us about your story, your passions, your community.

**indicates a required question*

1. **First Name ***

2. **Last Name ***

3. **Phone Number ***

4. **Email ***

5. **Gender ***

6. **Date of Birth ***

7. **If under 18: Parent/Guardian Name**

8. **If under 18: Parent/Guardian
Contact Number**

9. **If under 18: Parent/Guardian Email**

10. **Home Address ***

11. **Residential Suburb ***

12. Residential Postcode *

13. Are you available to attend Launch Weekend (26 - 28 April) and Sitting Week in full (29 September - 5 October)? *

- Yes
 No

14. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes, Aboriginal
 Yes, Torres Strait Islander
 Yes, both
 No

15. Do you identify as belonging to a culturally or linguistically diverse cultural group? If yes, please specify. *

16. Do you identify as LGBTIQA+? *

- Yes
 No

17. Do you currently act, or have you acted in the past, as a carer for one or both of your parents? *

18. If you have a disability, please advise us of any accessibility requirements you may have. *

19. Have you ever experienced being in out-of-home care? *

20. Do you speak a language other than English at home? *

- Yes
 No

21. If yes, please specify.

22. Country of birth *

23. If you are currently attending high school, what year level are you in?

- Year 9
 Year 10
 Year 11
 Year 12

24. If you are studying at university and/or working, please describe your year level and studies and/or your field of employment.

25. How did you hear about QYP? *

About Your Community

When we ask about issues in your community, we do not only mean one community. You can refer to your culture, community groups, school, suburb, city or state; just tell us what you think.

Please keep answers to under 200 words.

26. Describe your previous community involvement or leadership experience. *

27. What three things do you love about your community? *

28. What do you think are the three most important issues affecting your community? *

29. What role can you play in solving these issues? *

30. Why do you want to participate in the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament? *

31. Are you applying for a second year in the program? *

- Yes, I am applying for a second year as a Youth Member *Continue to question 32.*
- No, this will be my first year as a Youth Member *Skip to question 36.*

Second Year Application

The YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament is a highly competitive program, and while we strongly encourage previous Youth Members to apply for a second year in the program, this does not guarantee automatic acceptance. However, a demonstrated commitment to the values of the program and going above and beyond the normal duties of a Youth Member are looked favourably upon.

32. What skills did you learn in your first year? How have you been able to put these into practice as an effective advocate within your community? *

33. What benefits do you believe a second year in the program will be able to give you? *

34. What does QYP mean to you? *

35. What future involvement do you see yourself having within QYP, if any? *

Committee Preferences

There are eight legislative committees in the 2020 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament. Please preference three committees; if you are successful, you will be notified which committee you have been placed in. While we do our best to accommodate each person's preferences, please note that this is sometimes not possible in all cases.

36. *Mark only one box per row.*

Committee	Preference 1	Preference 2	Preference 3
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Innovation, Science and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education and Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Disability Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture and Natural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Affairs and Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment and Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communities, Youth and Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Electorate Preferences

To find out which electorate you reside in, please see the Queensland Electoral Commission website: <https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/find-my-electorate>

37. What electorate do you currently reside in? *

Please mark with an X.

Alger	Aspley
Bancroft	Barron River
Bonney	Broadwater
Buderim	Bulimba
Bundaberg	Bundamba
Burdekin	Burleigh
Burnett	Cairns
Callide	Caloundra
Capalaba	Chatsworth
Clayfield	Condamine
Cook	Coomera
Cooper	Currumbin
Everton	Ferny Grove
Gaven	Gladstone
Glass House	Greenslopes
Gregory	Gympie
Hervey Bay	Hill
Hinchinbrook	Inala
Ipswich	Ipswich West
Jordan	Kawana
Keppel	Kurwongbah
Lockyer	Logan
Lytton	Macalister
Mackay	Maiwar
Mansfield	Maroochydore
Maryborough	McConnel
Mermaid Beach	Miller
Mirani	Moggill
Morayfield	Mount Ommaney
Mudgeeraba	Mulgrave
Mundingburra	Murrumba
Nanango	Nicklin
Ninderry	Noosa
Nudgee	Oodgeroo
Pine Rivers	Pumicestone
Redcliffe	Redlands
Rockhampton	Sandgate
Scenic Rim	South Brisbane
Southern Downs	Southport
Springwood	Stafford
Stretton	Surfers Paradise
Theodore	Thuringowa
Toohay	Toowoomba North
Toowoomba South	Townsville
Traeger	Warrego
Waterford	Whitsunday
Woodridge	

38. In the event you are not successful in gaining a seat in your current electorate, please nominate a second preference. *

Please mark with an X.

Algeria	Aspley
Bancroft	Barron River
Bonney	Broadwater
Buderim	Bulimba
Bundaberg	Bundamba
Burdekin	Burleigh
Burnett	Cairns
Callide	Caloundra
Capalaba	Chatsworth
Clayfield	Condamine
Cook	Coomera
Cooper	Currumbin
Everton	Ferny Grove
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Glass House	Greenslopes
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Keppel	Kurwongbah
Lockyer	Logan
Lytton	Macalister
Mackay	Maiwar
Mansfield	Maroochydore
Maryborough	McConnel
Mermaid Beach	Miller
Mirani	Moggill
Morayfield	Mount Ommaney
Mudgeeraba	Mulgrave
Mundingburra	Murrumba
Nanango	Nicklin
Ninderry	Noosa
Nudgee	Oodgeroo
Pine Rivers	Pumicestone
Redcliffe	Redlands
Rockhampton	Sandgate
Scenic Rim	South Brisbane
Southern Downs	Southport
Springwood	Stafford
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39. What is your reason for nominating your second preference electorate? *

Check all that apply.

- This is where my parents reside
- This is where I went to school
- This electorate borders the electorate I live in
- I work in this electorate
- I have volunteering/sporting commitments in this electorate
- I have close ties to this electorate as I used to reside there
- I am moving to this electorate soon
- Other: _____

Participation

The YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament is committed to diversity and inclusion. Whilst we try our best to assist each Youth Member in finding sponsorship to cover the cost of their participation fee, thanks to the generous support of the Department of Child Safety, Youth & Women, we are able to offer a limited number of scholarships each year to anyone for whom the cost of participation may be a barrier. These may be full or partial scholarships, depending on the number of applications.

We are also able to offer travel reimbursement in line with the YMCA travel reimbursement policy for those who reside outside of the Brisbane metropolitan area. Upon selection into the program, you can contact our Coordinator to discuss this further.

If you believe that the financial burden may otherwise preclude you from participating in the program, we encourage you to nominate for a scholarship.

40. Do you wish to apply for a scholarship?

- Yes, I would like to apply for a scholarship *Continue to question 41.*
- No, I do not wish to apply for a scholarship *Skip to question 43.*

Scholarship Application

NOTE: All responses to these questions are completely confidential and will not be released.

The intent of these scholarships is to ensure that all Queenslanders, regardless of their background or their financial position, are able to access this program and have their voice heard.

41. Please describe how receiving a scholarship would assist you in participating in the program. *

42. Would you still be willing to participate in the program if you were not successful in receiving a scholarship? *

- Yes
- No

Consent

Nearly there! Before your application can be considered, we need to grab your consent to circulate your information if you are successful.

43. Do you agree to be photographed and/or interviewed by the media and your name, school (if applicable) and electorate (not address) to be given to media outlets and the Queensland Government for promotional material? *

- Yes
 No

44. If successful, do you consent to the Minister for Child Safety, Youth & Women circulating your name, school (if applicable) and electorate to Members of Parliament or media outlets so they can contact you for the purpose of inviting you to events? *

- Yes
 No

45. If successful in being appointed as a Youth Member, do you agree to complete a Queensland Government consent form which the YMCA will provide to the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women upon your acceptance into the program? *

- Yes
 No

Congratulations – you've done it!

Make sure to email your completed form to gypcoordinator@ymcabrisbane.org by the closing date, along with your resume or letter of reference if you choose.

Youth Members will be confirmed by an electronic letter of offer by late February.

In the meantime, don't forget to subscribe and follow our social media channels to stay up-to-date with the latest program news and announcements, or visit our website at ymcaqyp.org.au!