

CITY YOUTH & GOVERNMENT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

LEARN WHO RUNS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Understand New York City government
- Read and debate current laws being discussed by New York City leaders
- Meet and work alongside local elected and appointed officials

SEE THE CITY

- Debate real issues in the New York City Council Chambers
- Take part in field trips to historic New York City sites
- Visit and meet teens from other New York City YMCAs

MAKE A CHANGE!

- Become influential in your school and community
- Make your community better
- Strengthen your leadership abilities
- Build an excellent college resume

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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YMCA of Greater New York TEENS TAKE THE CITY

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print Clearly)

Nominee's Name Age

Nominating Official

Nominee's Address

City State Zip

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

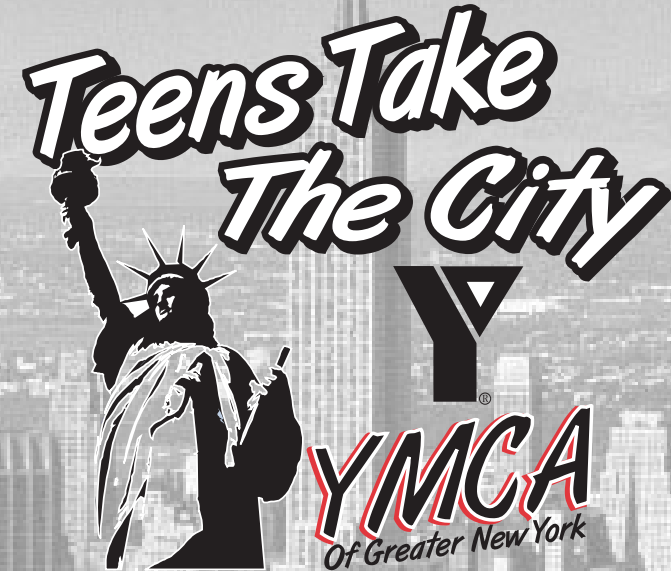
Nominee's YMCA Branch Affiliation

Nominee's High School Grade

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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.



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WHAT IS TEENS TAKE THE CITY?

Teens Take the City is different from all other teen leadership programs because it is designed to give teens the tools they need to become active influences in their community.



The *Teens Take the City* program teaches teens all about New York City government and gives all participants the opportunity to research and debate topics of their choosing. The subjects discussed in *Teens Take the City* will focus on issues that impact teens' everyday lives.

MEET ELECTED OFFICIALS

The *Teens Take the City* program offers teens an opportunity to meet influential New York City elected officials and professionals including the Mayor, Council Members, and Borough Presidents, as well as a cadre of appointed officials who manage some of the largest city agencies.

THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE

Participants' hard work is rewarded handsomely at the end of the program when they take over City Hall for a full day of legislative debate and a conference. This *City Hall Conference* synthesizes several weeks of hard work for participants as they become completely immersed in the political process and the government environment.

At the *Conference*, students get the chance to show off what they learned and debate their opinions with fellow teens from around New York City. What's more, every year the *City Hall Conference* is followed by a gala for all teen participants.

SEE THE CITY

The *Teens Take the City* curriculum is filled with exciting trips to landmarks and neighborhoods throughout New York City. In addition to learning about the democratic process, students will also gain a better understanding of the great history and diversity of the city through frequent field trips and educational excursions.

THINKING AHEAD

The *Teens Take the City* curriculum helps provide participants with the critical writing and speaking skills needed to succeed in high school and beyond. *Teens Take the City* offers students hands-on experiences that will translate to job skills and professional know-how. The program provides the training needed to succeed as a student, activist or politician.

JOIN US!

Teens Take the City provides many different ways for participants to express their opinions. The program structure allows students to take part at several different levels. Students may serve as a legislator, executive, or lawyer. Roles and responsibilities vary, and all are important.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Is there something that really bothers you? Is it something at school, on your block, in your neighborhood? Think teens can't make a difference?

WELL, THINK AGAIN...

The YMCA of Greater New York's *Teens Take the City* program provides teens with the opportunity to use their minds, voices and actions to make change.

Teens Take the City is dedicated to teaching young people how to utilize the democratic process to affect change on a local level, while giving them the skills needed to collectively and individually make a difference in New York City.

