

**Youth in Government** 

2025-2026

Who: 4L-4R Scholars Where: Room 1324

**When:** Every other Wednesday, 3:45-5:00pm **Dates:** September 17 – December 10 and the

YIG Conference January 8-11

**Advisor:** Dr. Jameson

**Fee:** \$50, payable to *Parnassus* **Deadline:** Friday, September 12

## What is Youth in Government?

Youth in Government (YIG) is a statewide YMCA program focusing on Minnesota state law. The season culminates with a conference open to students in 4L-4R. At the conference, delegates propose legislation which is then voted on by fellow delegates of the same grade level. At the end of the YIG conference, an election is held for Youth Governor and other offices. Older grade levels have the opportunity to work out of the actual Minnesota House and Senate chambers.

The Youth in Government program is conducted almost entirely by students. Participants have opportunities to serve in a number of different program areas. They can serve as legislators, judges, attorneys, lobbyists, cabinet members, media representatives, or introductory Leadership Corps. members.

Youth in Government has a statewide kickoff meeting and training called LAUNCH, which will be held on a Saturday, October 25, from 10:00-3:30pm at Fridley High School, followed by the conference on **January 8 - 12** held at the Minneapolis Hilton. Delegation members are expected to attend the conference, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Meeting Schedule: The Parnassus delegation will meet roughly every other week, on the following dates: September 17, October 1, October 22, November 12, December 3, and December 10.

**Cost:** In addition to the Parnassus registration and \$50 fee, all participants must also register directly with the YMCA. The YMCA has a substantial additional participation fee. This fee has yet to be announced, but it's typically around \$550. Some scholarships are available through the YMCA. Information about registration through the YMCA will be provided by the first meeting.

## REGISTER

All Parnassus activity registrations must be completed online at: <a href="https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/parnassus-preparatory-school">https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/parnassus-preparatory-school</a> by a parent/guardian. Registration is not complete until the online registration form and payment have been submitted. Please note, activity registration has moved to a new website. All parents/guardians will need to create an account when registering for the first time in the new system.

**Ouestions:** 

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