

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Sex (Circle): Male Female

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Email: _____

Temporary Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Street No and Street City Province Postal Code

Permanent Address: _____ Cell Number: _____
Street No and Street City Province Postal Code

Emergency Medical Information

Provincial Medical Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship to you: _____ Phone Number: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Relationship to you: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions or allergies: _____

Please Note: Unless prior arrangements are made, participants will be expected to administer their own medication. Please notify the Chief Returning Officer of any chronic medical problems that may require emergency treatment and explain the emergency treatment.

Consent and Waiver:

In consideration for acceptance to Western Canada Youth Parliament (WCYP), the undersigned on behalf of the Applicant and all heirs, executors and administrators, consents to all necessary medical treatment and waives any and all claims for damages against WCYP, British Columbia Youth Parliament and the Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society, and their directors, officers and agents for any and all injuries or loss which the Applicant may suffer during, or in connection with any WCYP Session, trip or any other activity.

Signature of Applicant: _____ If under 19, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Questions?

Please Contact:

Sarah O'Connor, Chair, Planning Committee
250-457-7278 or sarah.oconnor@bcyp.org

Sessional Information

The 15th Western Canada Youth Parliament will take place at the University of British Columbia. Members will get the chance to:

- Meet people from Western Canada
- Present Private Members' Resolutions on issues important to them
- Debate prepared legislation on current issues of concern

Expected Costs

The Early Bird Registration Fee is \$215 for applications postmarked by January 31st and \$235 for applications postmarked after January 31st. You will be responsible for all lunches and two dinners during the course of WCYP and the cost of travel to and from Vancouver.

Travel bursaries are available. If applying for a bursary, please submit a written request as to why you need a bursary and how much you need when you submit your application fee.

Cheques must be payable to British Columbia Youth Parliament

Application Process

1. *Complete all aspects of this application form*
2. *Attach registration fee*
Registration fees for any applications not accepted will be immediately returned. Registration fees for any accepted applicants who cancel on or after April 15th will not be refunded.
3. *Mail your completed application to:*

Sarah O'Connor

Chief Returning Officer
202-649 Bay Street
Victoria, BC V8T 5H8

Applications must be received by March 15, 2012. Acceptance of late applications is at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer. Successful candidates will be notified by email and sent all materials needed for session, including a detailed schedule.

Western Canada Youth Parliament

Western Canada Youth Parliament (WCYP) was first held in 1983 by the TUXIS Parliament of Alberta. Since then, WCYP has been hosted by each of the four Western Canadian Youth Parliaments in turn (BCYP, TUXIS, SYP and YPM). WCYP was last held in Winnipeg in May 2010, sponsored by the Youth Parliament of Manitoba.

This year British Columbia Youth Parliament will be hosting for the fourth time. Youth Parliament in British Columbia traces its roots back to 1924 with the BC Older Boys' Parliament. In 1974, we became British Columbia Youth Parliament and have been fulfilling our motto of "Youth Serving Youth" ever since

Who Can Join?

The four day mock parliament will be open to everyone aged 15-25 inclusive. Previous Youth Parliament experience is not required to attend as a delegate.

Leadership Positions

There are a number of Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet Positions available. Cabinet Ministers and Shadow Cabinet Critics will have various responsibilities including:

- Sponsoring and critiquing legislation
- Coordinating the Sessional Schedule
- Leading debate

There are at least 3 positions set aside for each province. Delegates from BC will hold the positions of Premier, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Attorney General. Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet members will be selected by each Member Youth Parliament from their WCYP Delegates. All other members will be assigned either to Government or Opposition benches.

15th Western Canada Youth Parliament *Sponsored by the British Columbia Youth Parliament*



May 18-21, 2012
Vancouver, BC

For more information, please visit
<http://www.bccyp.org>.