

19th VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex (circle): Male Female
Address: _____
Street No. Street City Postal Code
Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

B.C. Medical Number (i.e. CareCard Number): _____
Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone #(s): _____ or _____
Name of Alternate Contact Person: _____ Phone #(s): _____ or _____
Please indicate if you are vegetarian or have any food allergies: _____

Please Note: Unless arrangements are made in advance, participants will be expected to administer their own medication if any has been prescribed for them. Please notify the Chief Returning Officer of any chronic medical problems (i.e. severe asthma, allergies) that might require emergency treatment and explain the emergency treatment that might be necessary.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Applicants must be nominated by a youth organization with which they are associated (e.g. school, club, community service organization). Please have your principal, teacher or group coordinator complete the first part of this section and three other members of the organization fill out the second.

Sponsor: "I _____ (name of principal/teacher/group coordinator), do hereby nominate this applicant to stand for election to Vancouver Island Youth Parliament as a representative of _____ (name of school or youth organization)."

Signed: _____

Nominators: "We the undersigned, do hereby nominate this applicant to represent us at Vancouver Island Youth Parliament."

Signed: _____ Signed: _____ Signed: _____

CONSENT AND WAIVER

In consideration for acceptance to Vancouver Island Youth Parliament (VIYP), 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 VIYP, the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP), 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 BCYP or VIYP Session, trip, or any other activity.

Parental Consent: "I have read the accompanying material and do hereby allow my son/daughter to attend Vancouver Island Youth Parliament." (Mandatory)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONAL CONSENT

From time to time, the Vancouver Island or British Columbia Youth Parliament may use individual or group photos of Members for promotional purposes in newspapers, on bulletin boards at Youth Parliament events, on web pages, in press releases, in media packages, in newsletters and in slide or video shows.

Parental Consent: "I hereby **do/do not** (circle one) consent to my son's/daughter's name and photo being used for publicity and promotional purposes. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my son/daughter's likeness in public relations materials, my son/my daughter/my ward may be excluded from certain activities or events at Session, including the official group photo."

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENT

To enable Members to fully participate in the organization's activities after Session, Vancouver Island Youth Parliament distributes Members' contact information throughout the organization in order to keep them informed of VIYP and BCYP events and activities.

Parental Consent: "In accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act, I hereby **do/do not** (circle one) consent to my son's/ daughter's contact information being published in the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Journal."

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

19th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

Sponsored by British Columbia Youth Parliament



March 26-28, 2010

Victoria City Hall

Victoria, BC

What is VIYP?

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament (VIYP) is a non-profit, non-partisan youth organization that recognises every young person's potential to lead and serve in their community. VIYP's aim has been to provide a forum in which young people can develop skills in leadership, public speaking, and the parliamentary process, and put these skills into practice through service to youth in their community. VIYP recognizes the ability of many youth and provides a forum in which youth can have their chance to be heard. For more information about VIYP and its sponsor organization, the British Columbia Youth Parliament, please visit our website at www.bcyp.org.

What Happens During Session?

VIYP's year begins with a Parliamentary Session. Session runs from 6:00pm on March 26 to 12:00pm on March 28 and will be held at Victoria City Hall. **Members must attend all of Session and must contact the Chief Returning Officer before applying if this presents a problem.**

Debate - discuss Cabinet's legislation which sets out VIYP's activities for 2010.

Think - debate local, national, and international issues of your own choosing.

Learn - the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Exercise Democracy - elect VIYP's Premier and Leader of the Opposition for the next year's Parliament.

Socialize - meet youth from all over Vancouver Island. There will be a social dinner at Earls Restaurant on Saturday evening; members will be responsible for the cost of their own meal.

What Happens After Session?

Action - put the legislation into action by participating in service projects, social events, fundraising and more.

Shout Out - get out and make our voice heard.

Participation - participate in projects and help out in the community.

Remember - receive a VIYP journal which documents the events of session

Travel and Sessional Arrangements

Parliamentary Session will be held at City Hall in Victoria. All members that do not live in the Greater Victoria area, if needed, will be billeted with local members. All meals, with the exception of lunch on Saturday, is the responsibility of the members. **Members needing billeting and/or assistance arranging transportation or who are able to carpool should contact the Chief Returning Officer.**

Who can join?

Each year youth are "elected" to become Members of VIYP as representatives of their schools or community organizations. To be eligible to stand for "election" you must be:

- a resident of or attending school on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands or Upper Sunshine Coast;
- between the ages of 14 and 18 (inclusive) as of December 31, 2010;
- nominated by an organization committed to youth (i.e. a school, community group, club or church);
- willing to participate fully in activities throughout the year.

Individuals from outside the recruitment area who meet the age and nomination requirements may apply to attend VIYP as Ambassadors. Such applicants should follow the normal application process and indicate their intention to apply as an Ambassador to the Chief Returning Officer.

Application Process:

Follow these simple steps and come join us!

1. *Complete all aspects of this application form* (personal info, emergency medical info, sponsorship info, consent and waiver, publicity and promotional consent, personal information consent).
2. *Attach a \$30.00 registration fee.* The registration fee includes lunch and snacks on Friday. Members are responsible for the cost of all other meals. **Cheques must be made payable to British Columbia Youth Parliament.** Please note that bursaries to attend VIYP are available for applicants who demonstrate need for financial assistance. Applicants should indicate their intention to apply for a bursary in a short letter attached to their application. Fees for applicants not accepted will be immediately returned. Fees for accepted applicants who cancel on or after March 20 will not be refunded.
3. *Attach a one-page resume (optional).*
4. *Mail your completed application form, registration fee and optional resume to:*

Kelsey Mech

Chief Returning Officer

Park 318, UVic Student Residences
PO Box 2100 STN CSC
Victoria, BC V8W 3A4

Applications must be received by March 19, 2010.

Incomplete applications will not be considered until completed. Acceptance of late applications is at the discretion of the Chief Returning Officer. Successful candidates will be notified by email and be sent all materials necessary for Session, including a detailed schedule.

Additional Information:

For more information please contact:
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