



Canada Youth Parliament

Application Package & Background Information

1st Parliamentary Session

July 2nd - 4th, 2021. Via Zoom

WHAT IS CYP?

The British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) will be hosting the first Canada Youth Parliament (CYP) on July 2nd - 4th, 2021 virtually over zoom. The Canada Youth Parliament is an expansion of the previous Western Canada Youth Parliament (WCYP), which was a biennial event that brought together delegations from the British Columbia Youth Parliament, the TUXIS Parliament of Alberta, the Saskatchewan Youth Parliament and the Youth Parliament of Manitoba for a four-day parliamentary session for the past 36 years.

The Canada Youth Parliament will bring youth ages 15-25 from across the nation on Zoom to learn and engage with their democratic institutions. Members of Canada Youth Parliament will have the opportunity to debate legislation on a variety of provincial, inter-provincial, and national issues. CYP is an Anglophone Parliament opened to all provinces and territories of Canada. Members will further their knowledge of Westminster parliamentary procedure in a way that is collaborative and educational. <https://bcyp.org/canada-youth-parliament>.

CYP'S ACTIVITIES

Members will meet in the virtual House of Commons and use the parliamentary style of debate to discuss Private Member Resolutions that reflect issues members of the house find relevant.

At Session, Members:

- Meet young people from all over Canada;
- Debate Cabinet's legislation;
- Debate current local, national, and international issues, and;
- Learn about debating and the rules of parliamentary procedure.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

80 youth are "elected" to CYP as representatives of their communities. Each applicant must be nominated by an organization committed to youth (i.e. a school, community group, club, Municipality or church). 2 members of that group must indicate their support by signing the application form.

To be eligible for membership you must be:

- Age 15 – 25 (inclusive) as of July 2nd, 2021;
- A member or alumni of BCYP, YPM, SYP or TUXIS;
- Or a member of an established Youth Parliament in Canada, and;
- Nominated by an organization committed to youth.

Due to the online nature of this event, only 80 applicants will be selected to become Members.

SESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Due to COVID-19, members will participate virtually from their own communities. The legislation debated at the virtual session will have the same rigour as any other year. Debate will happen in English, please contact the Chair with any questions.

PRE-SESSIONAL INFORMATION

The Registrar will notify all applicants by email or mail as to their acceptance status by mid to late June. Accepted Members are provided with an orientation package prior to Session.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Inquiries from applicants, parents and nominating organizations are welcomed. Please contact:

Olivia Reid-Friesen, Chair
olivia.reid-friesen@bcyp.org
(778) 859-7073

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Complete the attached application form (pages 3 and 4 of this package) and forward it via email to;

e-mail: olivia.reid-friesen@bcyp.org

Applications must be **RECEIVED** by **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021** by **email attachment**.

Please print clearly. Illegible or incomplete applications may be rejected.

REGISTRATION FEE

Even though Session is online this year, BCYP still has operational expenses relating to running CYP. We endeavor to keep costs as low as possible and the fees only cover our running costs. The registration fee for each member is \$70 this year.

Do to the limited number of members able to be accepted we ask that you don't send in your registration fee until you have been accepted. Once you have been accepted please send an Interac e-Transfer as soon as possible to acknowledge your acceptance (any acceptance is not final until a registration fee is received). All eTransfers are to be sent to **finance@bcyp.org**. **A designated password will be sent to you with acceptance to use.** When you send fees by eTransfer you must also send an email to BOTH **finance@bcyp.org** and **olivia.reid-friesen@bcyp.org** so we know to expect your fees and know you are acknowledging your acceptance.

Applicants who are in financial need are first encouraged to approach school and community groups to contribute to the cost of the application fee. For those who are not able to secure outside funding, a limited amount of financial support is available from BCYP. For more information, please contact the Chair before the application deadline and attach a letter of request along with your application form. Requests for financial assistance cannot be considered after applicants have been accepted as members.

CANCELLATION

Accepted members who cancel on or before June 27th will receive a refund of their registration fee minus a \$15 cancellation fee. No refunds will be issued to any member cancelling after June 27th.

Please keep this information page for future reference

APPLICATION FORM – FIRST CANADA YOUTH PARLIAMENT

LAST name: _____ FIRST name: _____ GENDER: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS (including temporary/University residence):

STREET / PO BOX: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (i.e. parents) or STREET ADDRESS if different from above:

STREET / PO BOX: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____

BIRTHDATE: (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY: _____

NOMINATING ORGANIZATION: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

CONTACT TEACHER / COORDINATOR NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF TEACHER / GROUP COORDINATOR: _____

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS/STUDENTS of _____ NOMINATE

(NAME OF ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL)

_____, A MEMBER/STUDENT OF OUR ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL TO SIT AS A BCYP MEMBER.

TWO NOMINATING SIGNATURES REQUIRED: (other members/students of the organization/school)

	Name	Signature	email
1			
2			

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 16th 2021

YOUTH PARLIAMENT EXPERIENCE

What Youth Parliament did you participate in and for how long?

How did you **first** hear about CYP?: _____

WAIVER

In consideration for acceptance to Canada Youth Parliament (CYP), the undersigned on behalf of the Applicant and all heirs, executors and administrators, waives any and all claims for damages against CYP 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 the CYP Session.

Applicant's Signature: _____

If under the age of majority, (In members home province) Date of Birth: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

(Applicant should sign even if a parent or guardian is also required to sign.)