



British Columbia Youth Parliament

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Applications now open for the 90th Session of the BC Youth Parliament

(Victoria, BC) -- From December 27-31, 97 youth between the ages of 16-21 will spend five days in the BC Legislature. The debates that take place over this week will set a course for the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) in the year ahead.

Among the projects that will be discussed will be looking for ways to help youth become more involved in local community service, running six Regional Youth Parliament to promote parliamentary education for high school students, and operating Camp Phoenix - an overnight summer camp for children who would not otherwise be able to attend camp.

In addition to planning the projects for the year ahead, over the five-day session these young community leaders will have the opportunity to debate current events that are impacting their communities.

“Joining BCYP is one of the best decisions I ever made. Youth Parliament has allowed me to engage in our democracy in a hands-on, educational environment. Despite this, BCYP is in no way a simulation or mock parliament. Our debates translate into real action in the communities across British Columbia that our members come from.”

– **Sheridan Hawse, Premier of the 90th BC Youth Parliament**

British Columbians between the ages of 16-21 who are interested in politics, community service, and youth leadership are encouraged to apply for what is sure to be the experience of a lifetime. Applications are now open and due by October 23, 2018 and can be found at www.bcpy.org.

Founded in 1924, the British Columbia Youth Parliament is a non-partisan youth service organization whose membership comes from all corners of the province. BCYP is sponsored by the Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society, a registered Canadian charity dedicated to the development of the youth parliament movement in British Columbia.

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Additional quotes:

“Joining the British Columbia Youth Parliament is a fantastic way to represent the young voices of our province, while at the same time learning valuable skills such as leadership and public speaking. I have personally made so many of my closest friends through this organization — all while gaining a hands-on understanding of how politics and community service intersect.”

Sarina de Havelyn
Minister of New Member Relations, 90th BC Youth Parliament

“British Columbia Youth Parliament’s members have a unique opportunity to combine parliamentary education with community involvement to create something truly special. The Private Members’ Resolutions and legislation presented at the annual parliamentary session provide members with the experience of debating issues and ideas important to them while learning about parliamentary procedures, and the plans outlined in the legislation they pass then take shape throughout the year as projects carried out in communities across the province. Youth who join BCYP have the chance to learn, teach, lead, and serve their communities, all through their membership in one organization.”

Dora Turje
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 90th BC Youth Parliament

“Joining BCYP has given me incredible opportunities to give service back to my community and province, learn skills that are relevant to my life and future, make connections with people I’d never have otherwise met, and make friends with other Youth Parliamentarians. I only wish I had joined sooner and had even more of these fantastic experiences. I never hesitate to tell young people to apply if they’re at all interested. Our session together is the most exciting, interesting, and rewarding five days of my year.”

Astra Lund-Phillips
Deputy Premier & Minister of Service, 90th BC Youth Parliament