



**2009 YOUTH CONFERENCE ON  
NATIONAL AFFAIRS  
Washington State Candidate Application**

**VITAL DATA FORM**

I am involved in:

- Youth Legislature
- Mock Trial

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team/Delegation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/  
Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (if different than above)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Delegation/Team Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check those that apply:

- Yes, I am interested in fundraising opportunities
- Yes, I would like my contact information released to other CONA delegates

My T-shirt size is:

- X-Small
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large
- XX-Large

**INFORMATION RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name), give permission for the YMCA Youth & Government program to give out my contact information to the participants of the 2008 YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT**

As a member of the Washington Delegation to the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs, I understand the financial responsibilities of participation in this program. I am responsible for paying the cost of \$1,200 distributed over the following four payment deadlines:

- \* **January 30, 2009 - \$200**
- \* **February 27, 2009 - \$300**
- \* **March 31, 2009 - \$300**
- \* **May 8, 2009 - \$400**

I agree to submit my fees on time as part of my agreement to participate. I have also been made aware of the opportunities for fundraising and possibility of additional support through the YMCA Youth & Government program.

**CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

As a participant in the Washington Delegation to the Youth Conference on National Affairs, I understand the expectations set before me in the Washington Code of Conduct and all other rules and regulations that exist for the good of the program. I further understand that if my conduct does not meet these standards, I relinquish the right to opportunities afforded to me by the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs and the Washington Delegation and that I will be returned home immediately at the expense of my family and myself.

We attest that all the facts contained in this application form and attachments are true.

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Signature of Candidate	Date
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Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of advisor/coach) understand the responsibilities outlined above and recommend this student as a participant for the Conference on National Affairs.

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Signature of Advisor/Coach	Date
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**Please attach the following items to your participant application:**

**ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Please describe the following items, using up to five (5) typed 8 1/2" x 11".

1. Your participation in YMCA Youth & Government activities, including leadership positions held and awards received.
2. Your future goals within the Youth & Government program.
3. Your participation in school activities, volunteer or paid work in community organizations, and other activities including any leadership positions.
4. What you hope to accomplish during your experience at the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs.
5. The strengths and weaknesses you will bring to the Washington Delegation.
6. Your understanding of “servant leadership” and how it has affected you in leadership roles you have undertaken.
7. The importance of balancing spirit, mind, and body and how you work to develop and balance these in yourself.
8. Any other thoughts or circumstances you wish to share with the review committee in connection with your application.

## **CANDIDATE PROPOSAL**

Included on the registration disk you will find a proposal template. Please fill in this template with a proposal that you feel is of particular importance to the nation or world and include it with your application materials.

### **Proposals should include:**

Please submit proposals in the below format. Do not include numbering or headers/footers. Proposals cannot be more than two typed pages.

#### **AUTHOR:**

Name

Washington Delegation

#### **TITLE PURPOSE:**

Short (one line) description of what your proposal seeks to accomplish.

#### **Major Areas to be Affected:**

Include all government agencies, systems, groups of citizens and other governments that will be affected by your proposal in either a positive or negative way.

#### **Justification:**

A brief background on the issue including the importance of the issue to people's lives. Why this issue is important and relevant for consideration.

#### **Proposal for Action:**

Specific changes you are proposing to in regard to this issue.

#### **Result to be Expected:**

What are the foreseeable long and short term results of your proposed change.

Included in these materials you will find a list of banned topics from the 2007 conference. Please do not write on any of these topics for your proposal, as they will likely remain on the banned topics list. Also included is a list of proposal topics that passed General Assembly in 2007. These items are also off limits for this year's conference. The list of banned topics for 2008 will be released in the spring, and may include additional topics. If your proposal is based on one of these banned topics you will be asked to write a new proposal before the registration deadline. Remember that the best way to steer clear of the banned topics is to be creative!



# Sample Proposal

## YMCA Conference on National Affairs



1       **PROPOSAL NO:**

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3       **AUTHOR:**

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5       **TITLE PURPOSE:** To Repeal the National Voter Registration Act

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8       **Major Areas to be Affected:** Each sovereign state of the United States of America, and  
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10       and the Federal Election Committee.

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12       **Justification:** The National Voter Registration Act or Motor Voter Bill not only has lead  
13       to fraud and no increase in voter turn out, but has required States to implement a costly  
14       mandate without federal funding. The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment clearly states; "The Powers not  
15       delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are  
16       reserved to the States." This Act must be repealed because above all it is an abridgment  
17       of the sovereign rights of our States. This Act requires states to comply with this bill by  
18       federal law, but the federal government refuses to pay for this absolutely necessary  
19       mandate. According to the CBO, the projected cost of the Voter Registration Act before  
20       its passage would not reach over \$30 million. However, California, alone, in its first year,  
21       spent over \$21 million in expense for the new law. Additionally, this act has proven to be  
22       worthless because it has not even accomplished its intended action; to increase voter  
23       turn out. After its passage in 1996 eligible voter turnout was a mere 49%, and in North  
24       Dakota, where voters weren't required to register originally, turnout was still only 56%.  
25       Lastly, the NVRA has been an open invitation to voter fraud in many states, because you  
26       don't have to prove citizenship in order to get a license, and checks on residencies are  
27       notoriously lax.

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29       **Proposal for Action:** The Federal Government, by the powers of Congress, will repeal  
30       the National Voter Registration Act.

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32       **Result to be Expected:** With the passage of this proposal a first step towards ending all  
33       unfunded mandates made by the federal governments. Additionally, millions of dollars  
34       will be made available in each state, allowing that state with their own discretion to  
35       determine other plans of successfully increasing voter turn out. The additional fraud  
36       that was formed with the passage of the act will dissipate.

## CONA Banned Topics List 2008

To stimulate creativity, topics that make it to the General Assemblies or Plenary Sessions are off limits for the next year. Please do not write a proposal that is in any way related to the topics below. Please address all questions to your state director.

1. 22nd Amendment (presidential terms)
  2. 2nd Amendment (right to bear arms)
  3. Anti-trust legislation
  4. Balance federal budget
  5. Cap on outsourcing
  6. Convert Afghanistan opium to medical use
  7. Creation of an American Foreign Legion
  8. Decentralize Iraq government
  9. Eliminate mandatory anthrax vaccinations
  10. Extension of pharmaceutical patents for assisting welfare patients
  11. Federal judicial panel required to overturn a state referendum
  12. Freight trains must yield to passenger trains
  13. Graduated drinking age
  14. Gun ban in Washington, D.C.
  15. Handicap accessibility of historic buildings and private homes
  16. Internet file sharing
  17. Lethal injections as a form of capital punishment
  18. Make it a crime to hinder public prayer
  19. National drinking age
  20. Organ donation opt-out
  21. Parole for federal offenders
  22. Patents for DNA sequences
  23. Patriot Act
  24. Peace fund added to federal budget
  25. Penny production eliminated
  26. Phase out use of nuclear power plants
  27. Polygamy legalized
  28. Privatization of minimum-security federal prisons
  29. Psychiatric evaluation of firearm purchasers
  30. Ratification of International Criminal Court
  31. Regional-based presidential primaries
  32. Registration of released violent offenders
  33. Repeal selective service
  34. Require government oaths on Constitution, rather than Bible
  35. Sex education requirement tied to federal education grants
  36. Sexual gender on birth certificate
  37. Single-gender classes in low-performing schools
  38. Tax-free status of Scientologists
  39. Trade barriers
  40. Use of deadly force to stop forcible entry
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## More Banned Topics for 2008

The following list of topics includes those passed through General Assembly and Plenary Session during the 2007 conference. There is a good chance that these will end up on the banned topics list for next year as well so please steer clear of the following topics:

- Establish specific dates for presidential primaries
- Cap outsourcing workers by US companies
- Remove restrictions on the number of terms the President may serve
- Required balance federal budget
- Privatizing low security prisons
- Requiring all buildings open to the public to be ADA accessible
- Abolish trade barriers in the US
- Deregulate internet-based file sharing networks
- Eliminate parole options for all federal offenders
- Banning virtual child pornography
- Repeal all antitrust legislation
- Increase federal funds to USAID through creation of a Peace Fund
- Phase out the penny
- Ratification of the international criminal court
- Mandating single-sex classes to low performing schools
- Revoking the Church of Scientology's tax-free status
- Legalizing polygamy
- Swearing in public officials on the Constitution
- To create an American Foreign Legion
- Allow public employees to implement prayer into daily public life
- Decentralize Iraq government
- Increase the drinking age