

## New Mexico Youth & Government Values Based Code of Conduct Contract

The Albuquerque YMCA and the YMCA of the USA believe strongly in developing strong character. We are a major participant in the Character Counts © program and promote the six pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. We challenge and expect each delegate, their parent/guardian, and advisors to uphold this contract based upon these pillars.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my parent/guardian and I must sign this contract before I can attend the New Mexico YMCA Youth & Government Model Legislature Conference.

I accept the responsibility to comply with **ALL** of the provisions in this contract and any additional rules that the management team may establish. I understand that violations of this contract can result in non-refundable expulsion from the **program and/or loss of office**. **My parents understand that if I violate the contract; I will be required to call them, and they agreed to accept the responsibility for my return home at my/their expense within four hours of my expulsion.**

### **Behavior:**

- I understand that I am expected to be responsible for my own behavior. I will respect the rights of all program participants, advisors, hotel guests and employees and all other people that I may encounter.
- Because I respect my body, I will not bring and/or consume alcohol, drugs, or tobacco during the YMCA Youth & Government program.
- I will remain in my assigned hotel room from curfew until 7:00 a.m.
- If I have delegates of the same sex from other schools in my room, I will leave the door ajar.
- I will not permit anyone of the opposite sex in my room without the presence of any Adult Advisor.
- (Individual schools and advisors may enforce more stringent room policies upon their own delegation.)
- I realize that once I return to the hotel that I must stay within the confines of the building. I will not go to the parking lot or to any of the businesses in the area.
- I will not drive any vehicle unless I have a written request from my parent/guardian to my school and have received written permission from my principal and the Youth & Government State Director.
- I will not bring a weapon of any kind to the Youth & Government program.
- Because we respect others, all New Mexico Youth & Government meetings will begin on time. I accept the responsibility to be at my assigned location at the appropriate time.
- I accept the responsibility to be in attendance at **all scheduled events** during the conference. I realize that I could miss other school-sponsored events, games, and other activities and know I should not make other appointments during the Model Legislature.

### **Dress:**

- As a citizen of New Mexico I respect the State Capitol and the role I will assume during the conference. I will be appropriately attired at all YMCA Youth & Government functions. **Note:** Jeans, denim and sneakers are not appropriate for scheduled events.
  1. Ladies: Dresses, skirts and sweaters or coordinated dressy pantsuit. Standard of skirt length must be at or exceed the length of the fingertips while arms are resting at the side of their legs.
  2. Gentlemen: Shirt and tie, suit, or slacks with a sport jacket or sweater.
- Badges are considered official credentials and will allow access to state buildings and YMCA Youth & Government activities. I understand they must be worn at all times and will serve as my ticket to all activities.

