

Youth Parliament of British Columbia



Alumni Society

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Dear Sir or Madam:

12 September 2019

Re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 91st Parliament

The British Columbia Youth Parliament's 91st Parliament will hold its parliamentary session in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2018. The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the December parliamentary session and in community service activities throughout the year. **Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment.**

I invite you to encourage eligible youth from your municipality or region to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. BCYP is non-partisan, and applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community. If your municipality sponsors a "youth of the year" award or has a municipal youth council, young people with that sort of initiative and involvement are ideal candidates for BCYP.

Each applicant who is accepted to attend as a member of BCYP must pay a **\$399** registration fee. Thanks to fundraising efforts, a portion of the cost of transportation and accommodation is reduced but we encourage your municipality to contribute to the fees for those applicants in need. Many municipalities are able to provide generous financial support by covering the registration fee. This is certainly something that we appreciate and encourage since we are only able to provide bursaries to a small number of applicants. If the approval of financial support causes any delay, we encourage the applicant to send in their forms on time along with a note saying that the cheque will arrive after the deadline. In this case, if we receive the completed form and personal statement before the deadline, it will be considered received on time. If you are not able to aid, a limited number of bursaries are available for applicants who cannot meet the expense of the registration fee. Requesting financial assistance will not affect an applicant's chance of being selected as a member.

Members will sit and debate in the Legislative Chambers for five days and will be accommodated for four nights at the Quality Inn in Victoria. During that time, participants are supervised by members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society and other youth parliament alumni. In addition, transportation to and from Victoria will be provided for all members who require it.

I have enclosed an application form and a brochure about BCYP. I encourage you to make the application form and brochure available to interested young people and to make copies of the forms as needed. A soft copy of the form, brochure and poster are available from our website at <https://bcyp.org/applying/>.

All applications must be received by October 29, 2019. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected in mid-November. If you require more information, please contact me by telephone or e-mail as indicated above, or visit our website at www.bcyp.org.

Yours truly,

Rhonda Vanderfluit
Registrar, Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society

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