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Michigan Youth in Government



What is YMCA MYIG?

- A program of the State Alliance of Michigan YMCA's
- Model state government experience
- Originated in MI in 1949 as a part of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y programs
- Part of a national network of 41 state programs
- We serve 70 high schools and 32 middle schools
- We partner with YMCA's too!
 - Run delegations
 - Support delegations
 - Provide event locations





Our Values

- Goals:
 - Civic Engagement & Gain Understanding of State Issues
 - Leadership and Character Development
 - Elevation of Youth Voice
 - Instill YMCA Core Values: Caring, Honesty, Inclusion, Respect, Responsibility.
 - Build Critical Thinking and Communication Skills
- Motto:
 - “Democracy must be learned by each generation.”
- Process:
 - Student run and student led programming
 - Students elect their own leaders
 - Provide professional development for teachers



MYIG Program Overview

- **Sept. - June:** Schools or YMCA's recruit members and run weekly meetings locally
 - Parliamentary Procedure Practice
 - Bill Drafting
 - Conference Preparation
 - Fundraising
 - Service or volunteer projects in the community
 - Elect delegation leaders
- **August:** High School Delegation Leadership Retreat in Traverse City (2 students per delegation)
- **October:** Regional High School Fall Conferences
- **November:** Middle School Conferences in Lansing
- **February & April:** High School Conferences in Lansing



Grant Opportunity

- We have received a grant from the state of Michigan for the 2024-2025 school year.
- This grant will be available to school districts and YMCA's that bring delegations to our event.
- This grant will pay 70% of student fees, reimburse 70% of transportation costs and give a small stipend to advisors of local delegations.
 - Ex: Instead of paying \$500, hs students will only be responsible for paying \$150 for the Lansing Conference.



MYIG Partnership Opportunities

- **Support a Delegation**
 - Provide funding to a delegation in your area.
 - Volunteer to work with a delegation in your area.
- **Start a Delegation**
 - Speak with administrators and teachers in your area to get a program started.
- **Start a Movement**
 - Work with regional education service agencies (ISD, RESA, ESD) in your area to get a program started at multiple schools.
- **Suggest Event Locations**
 - Contact us about locations in your area that could possibly house an event.
- **Volunteer**
 - Come to our state conference in Lansing and play the role of an oversight witness, judge a debate competition, or judge a mock trial round.
- **Take a Tour**
 - Come see our program in action!
- **Donate**
 - Donate to YMCA MYIG to help provide scholarship dollars to students in need.



Help Engage Teens on a New Level in your County!

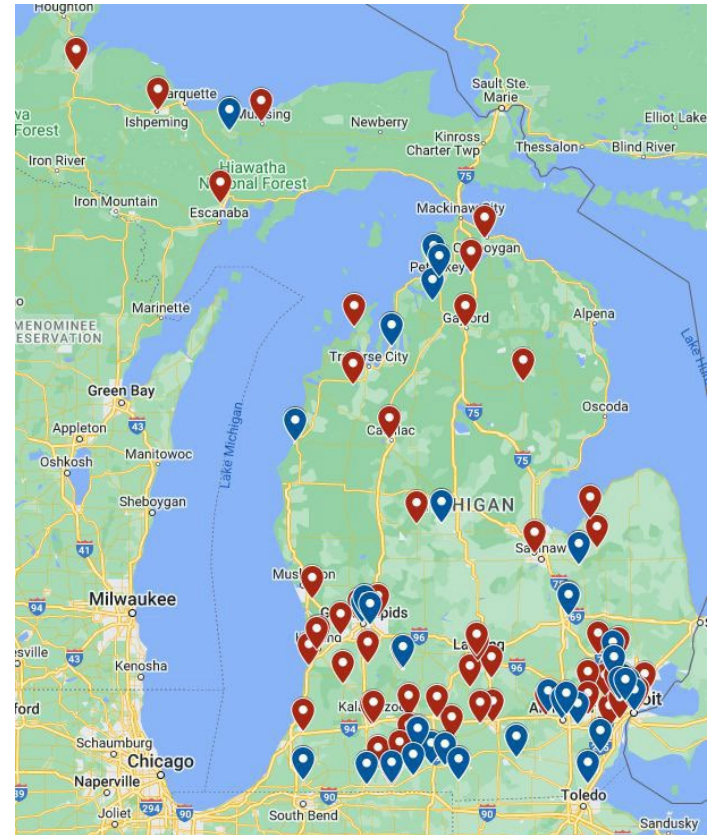


2024-2025 Events

- October
 - 4th - HS Fall Conference at Kirtland Community College in Grayling
 - 9th - HS Fall Conference at NMU in Marquette
 - 11th - HS Fall Conference at Fruitport HS in Fruitport
 - 21st - HS Fall Conference at Schoolcraft College in Livonia
 - 25th - HS Fall Conference at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek
- November
 - 1st - HS Fall Conference at Delta College in University Center
 - 17-19th - MS State Conference in Lansing
 - 24-26th - MS State Conference in Lansing
- February
 - 20th- 23rd - HS State Conference in Lansing
- April
 - 3rd-6th - HS State Conference in Lansing

Further Information

- Check out our website: www.myig.org
- Send an Email: staff@myig.org
- Give Us a Call: 517-639-4480
- Talk to [Schools that Attend!](#)





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Thank You! Questions?

