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Dear Friend,

Hello and Happy New Year! It is that time of year again when volunteer families are needed to host participants during the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual YMCA Youth Legislature. This year's session is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5, 2010** through **Saturday, May 8, 2010**. At this time over 450 young adults from around the state will come together to experience a few days in the life of those who work in and around the State Capitol.

In order to ensure all students, regardless of their financial situation, are able to participate in the Youth Legislature Program, YMCA Youth & Government offers opportunities for local families to host students during their stay in Olympia. This eliminates the cost of expensive hotel stays and offers a unique experience for volunteers and participants alike.

Host families are asked to provide the following support:

- Sleeping accommodations for Wednesday, May 5, through Friday, May 7. (If necessary and requested, students can bring sleeping bags.)
  - Greet students at your home on Wednesday, May 5 between 9:30 and 11p.m.
  - Breakfast for students on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings prior to 8:00 a.m.
  - Share dinner with your students on Friday, May 7, between 4:30 and 8:00 p.m.
- Student advisors will provide transportation to and from all events as well as all meals not specified above.**

Enclosed you will find a Host Home Registration Form and Applicant Criminal and Abuse Disclosure (ACAD). Please take a few minutes to complete and return these forms to our office prior to **Friday, January 29, 2010**. Once the forms are received, we will process background checks through the Washington State Patrol. Please be assured all information provided by you and the State Patrol will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Should you have any questions, concerns or would like more information please contact our office at (360) 357-3475. Additional information can also be found on our website at [www.youthandgovernment.org](http://www.youthandgovernment.org).

As always, our goal is to help young people grow into responsible, productive, and caring adults. Your ongoing support is very important in this process. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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*“Democracy must be learned by each generation”*



## 63<sup>rd</sup> Washington YMCA Youth Legislature May 5-8, 2010 Host Home Information Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No	
We are able to host this year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Boys</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Girls</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Either</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total #</b> _____
We can greet students Wednesday Evening after 9:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delegates should bring sleeping bags <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total #</b> _____
We have pets (Cats? Dogs?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Explain</b> _____
We are smokers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Indoors</b> _____ <b>Outdoors only</b> _____
We can serve dinner on Friday night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
We can accommodate vegetarians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
We can provide breakfast each morning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total number of people living at your home & ages _____			

If you are unable to host should we: contact you next year?   
 remove you from the mailing list?

Where did you hear about us? Volunteered before  Coffee News   
 Newspaper ad  Friend   
 Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an alumni of YMCA Youth Legislature or Mock Trial?  
 Yes  No  Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide detailed directions to your home from the State Capitol, only if you are aware that Mapquest does not give accurate directions to your residence.**

Please return form to: P.O. Box 193 Olympia, WA 98507; fax to (360) 753-4615 or email to youthandgovpdir@qwestoffice.net ; or call (360) 357-3475 with any questions or problems.

**Conditions of Volunteer Participation and Release from Liability**

The YMCA of Greater Seattle’s mission is: Building a community where individuals, especially the young, are encouraged to develop their full potential in spirit, mind and body. As a volunteer, I will cooperate in the fulfillment of this mission.

**Volunteer Terms:** I agree to abide by the YMCA’s policies, procedures and Code of Conduct. I understand the YMCA does not provide any health benefits (i.e. medical, dental, workers compensation, etc.) or any accident insurance for me as a volunteer; I understand it is my responsibility to provide this coverage. I understand that the YMCA of Greater Seattle does not provide volunteer compensation or trade volunteer services for membership or program fees.

**Property Loss:** I understand the YMCA is not responsible for my personal property lost, damaged or stolen while participating in YMCA volunteer activities.

**Medical Treatment:** I give permission for YMCA representatives to provide or arrange for emergency care for me, and to arrange for transport to an emergency center for treatment. I consent to medical treatment deemed immediately necessary or advisable by a physician if I am unable to act on my own behalf. I further understand that the YMCA is not responsible for payment for such medical treatment.

**Photograph Permission:** I give permission for the YMCA to use, without limitation or obligation, photographs or other media that may include my image or voice to promote or interpret YMCA programs.

**Release from Liability:** I understand that accidents may occur during my volunteer activities. By signing below, I release the YMCA, its agents, directors, consultants, and employees from all liability based on any damage, loss or injury, whether it is the result of ordinary negligence or otherwise, caused to me or my dependent from participation as a volunteer.

Please include all individuals **16 years and above** residing in your home.

<b>Name (please print)</b>	<b>(Guardian) Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____
e. _____	_____	_____
f. _____	_____	_____
g. _____	_____	_____

I also give permission for my dependent to participate in YMCA volunteer activities.

**Signature of parent or guardian if residents are under age 18** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME OF THE TERMS USED ON THE  
APPLICANT CRIMINAL AND ABUSE DISCLOSURE FORM**

Crimes against persons as found in a court of law that result in imprisonment or a fine. Specifically, these are listed on the Applicant Disclosure. It does not include offenses that have been pardoned, nor other findings of innocence after-the-fact, nor does it include offenses for which the person has a certificate of rehabilitation. It does include deferred or suspended sentences, unless the record was cleared.

Civil Actions involve one party (individual) taking action, on behalf of a child, against another party for abusing or exploiting the child. Imprisonment is not imposed for these crimes; damages (money) may be awarded instead.

Dependency action or domestic relations proceedings. The most common forms of these civil action court findings are when (1) Child Protective Services (CPS) has filed a petition for a child's protection because of abuse or exploitation, the case has gone to court, and the child has come under the protection of the court. These are usually family-related incidents, but could result from friends' or neighbors' abuse of the child. Also, (2) child custody disputes may initiate court findings of child sexual abuse or exploitation.

Disciplinary Board final decision. Any final decision issued by the director or the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Dept. of Licensing, for the inappropriate behavior or actions regarding sexual or physical abuse or exploitation of a child or developmentally disabled individual, or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult within the following businesses or professions:

- a) Chiropractic
- b) Dentistry
- c) Dental hygiene
- d) Massage
- e) Midwifery
- f) Naturopathy
- g) Osteopathy
- h) Physical therapy
- i) Physicians
- j) Practical nursing
- k) Psychology
- l) Real estate brokers and salespersons
- m) Registered nursing

Vulnerable adult means a person sixty years of age or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for himself or herself, or a patient in a state hospital.

Financial Exploitation means the illegal or improper use of a vulnerable adult or that adult's resources for another person's profit or advantage.



**Please answer these questions for all individuals listed on page one. A NO response indicates that none of the individuals listed would answer yes to the question. A YES response indicates that at least one of the individuals listed on page one would answer YES. If YES, please indicate the name (or names) of individuals responding YES to the question. Explain all YES responses below.**

2. Have you ever been convicted of any of the following crimes (or their equivalents) against children or other persons? aggravated murder; 1° or 2° murder; 1° or 2° kidnapping; 1°, 2° or 3° assault; 1°, 2° or 3° assault of a child; 1°, 2° or 3° rape; 1°, 2° or 3° rape of a child; 1° or 2° robbery; 1° arson; 1° burglary; 1° or 2° manslaughter; 1° or 2° extortion; indecent liberties; incest; vehicular homicide; 1° promoting prostitution; prostitution; communication with a minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple assault; sexual exploitation of minors; 1° or 2° criminal mistreatment; child abuse or neglect; 1° or 2° custodial interference; malicious harassment; 1°, 2° or 3° child molestation; 1° or 2° sexual misconduct with a minor; patronizing a juvenile prostitute; child abandonment; promoting pornography; selling or distributing erotic material to a minor; custodial assault; violation of a child abuse restraining order; child buying or selling; felony indecent exposure; or luring a child or developmentally disabled individual.  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ (If YES, explain below) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
3. Have you ever been convicted of any of the following crimes of financial exploitation when the victim was a vulnerable adult? 1°, 2° or 3° extortion; 1° or 2° robbery; or forgery.  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ (If YES, explain below) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
4. Have you ever been found by a court in a civil action (including domestic relations proceedings and child dependency actions) to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ (If YES, explain below) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
5. Have you ever been found in a disciplinary board final decision to have physically or sexually abused or exploited any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult?  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ (If YES, explain below) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
6. Have you ever been found in a protection proceeding to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult?  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ (If YES, explain below) \_\_\_\_\_ (name)
7. Have you been arrested or charged with a crime within the last 10 years? (Only arrests/charges and convictions which the YMCA believes are reasonably related to the duties of the job will be considered.)  
 NO \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ **If YES, mark a), b), c) and provide complete explanation below.**  
 a) Are the charges still pending? no\_\_ yes\_\_ b) Have the charges been dismissed? no\_\_ yes\_\_  
 c) Did the charges result in conviction? no\_\_ yes\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Explain (include crime(s), year(s), location(s) and circumstances):**

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**Under penalty of perjury, I swear or affirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information supplied by me in this disclosure is true, accurate and complete. I also give permission for the YMCA Youth & Government program to run a WSP background check. (Please include the signatures of all individuals listed on page one.)**

Signature a. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature b. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature c. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature d. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature e. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature f. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature g. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_