

# Western Australian Youth Parliament

## 2021 Application Pack

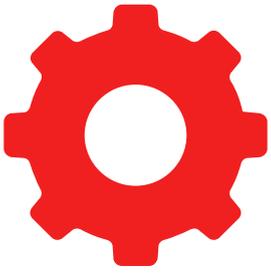


Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities



*Western Australian*  
**Youth  
Parliament**





# Overview

Youth Parliament is a program that empowers young people, allowing them to have their voices heard in Parliament.



## Meet other passionate young people

Get to know young people from all over the state. Camp recreation days and team building exercises connect our participants and form strong friendships that continue even after the program.



## Write and debate your own Bill in Parliament House

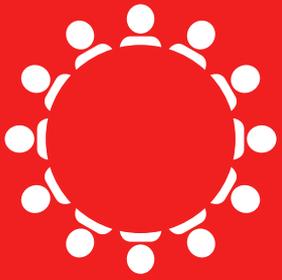
Work with your committee to write legislation about what you're passionate about. During camp, you'll have the opportunity to debate for your Bill in the parliamentary chamber as well as vote to pass legislation.



## Meet your local member of parliament

Talk with your local member of parliament about issues in your area and represent the electorate in parliament throughout the week.

You may even have the opportunity to appear in articles and media opportunities with them!



# Youth Parliament is...



Working in teams

Lifelong Friendships



Developing your public speaking skills



Learning new skills and knowledge



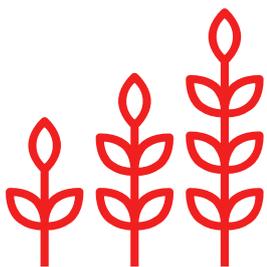
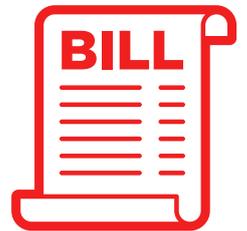
Staying on camp

Developing your leadership skills



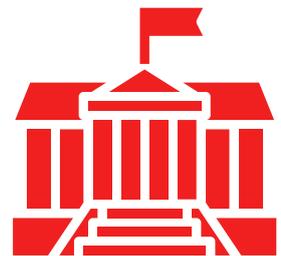
Great food

Writing bills



Growing as a person

Media opportunities



Visiting parliament house



Lots of fun!

Negotiation skills



Join a community of likeminded people



# Important Dates



## **Applications Open**

Mon 22nd February

## **Applications Close**

Sun 21st March

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## **Training Day**

Sat 10th April

## **Second Training Day**

Sat 3rd July

## **Camp Week**

Sun 11th July - Fri 16th July





# Costs Information

## Program Costs

In 2021, the cost of the program is \$\$478.00 (including \$47.80 GST).



This fee covers accommodation, meals, transport, activities and materials during the program. We offer payment plans and flexible arrangements to suit individual needs.



Participants are also given extensive support to source sponsorship and scholarships to participate in the program.

## Sponsorship

There are number of ways that participants can get help with the costs of Youth Parliament.



This includes:

- sponsorship from schools/universities
- donations from Members of Parliament
- scholarships and grants available
- specific financial support for regional and remote participants



More information on this will be provided on acceptance into the program.



# Who runs the program?

Youth Parliament is run by the YMCA WA. YMCAs run Youth Parliament for multiples states across Australia and have done so for more than 30 years—so you are in safe hands! The YMCA appoints a Taskforce to handle the planning, organisation and running of Youth Parliament.

Taskforce members are there to help you with all aspects of the program, from writing your bill, to seeking sponsorship to delivering your speeches in Parliament.

**Youth Parliament is a program to learn new skills, and Taskforce is there to guide you through the process.**

The Taskforce is made up of 17 to 25 year old volunteers who have participated in the program before and wish to ensure that Youth Parliament is a youth-led event—run by young people, for young people.

All Taskforce members have a Working with Children check and receiving training in areas which include:

- First Aid
- Mental Health First Aid
- LGBTQ+ inclusivity
- Safeguarding children
- Parliamentary processes





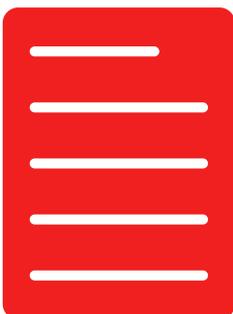
# How do I apply?



- 1 Scan the QR code or click the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP2021>

- 2 Fill out the application form and answer all questions



- 3 Choose a way to answer the application questions

This year we are offering the option to submit a video application. Please see the next page for instructions on how to submit a video application.

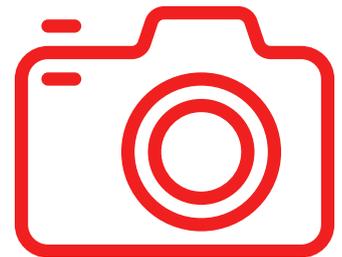


# Video Application Steps

## Make your video

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- Answer questions 26, 27 and 28
- Make sure the video is 2 minutes or less
- Name your video in the format  
2021\_Video\_FirstName\_LastName

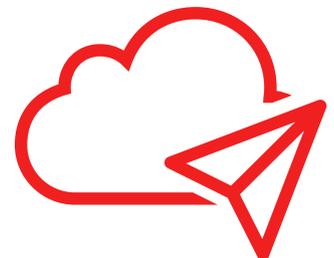


## Submit Your Video

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Choose the format to submit your video and submit using the Guide below

- Google Drive (max size 5T)
- Dropbox (max size 50GB)
- Email (max size 10MB)

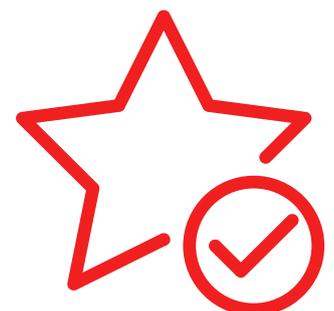


Please note, if you submit by email you will receive a response from the program coordinator confirming your video has been received.

## Finish Your Application

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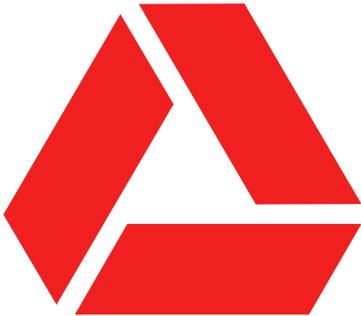
- Indicate in the application that you have submitted your video.
- Make sure all questions are answered
- Submit your application





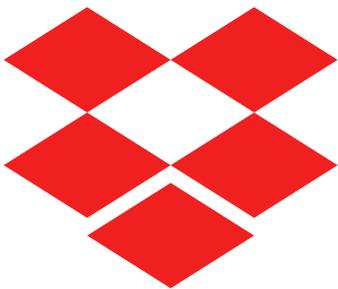
# Upload Video Application

## Submitting through Google Drive



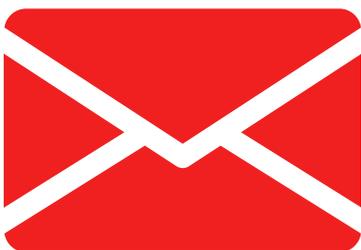
- Sign up or log in to your Google Drive
- Click 'New' and select 'File Upload'
- Select your video
- Once loaded, click the three dots and select 'Share'
- Add Program Coordinator Orla Latawski with the email [orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au](mailto:orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au) as a 'Viewer'
- Click send

## Submitting through Dropbox



- Sign up or log in to your Dropbox on [dropbox.com](https://dropbox.com)
- Click 'Upload Files' and select your video
- Once loaded, hover over the file and click 'Share'
- Share with Program Coordinator Orla Latawski with the email [orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au](mailto:orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au)

## Submitting through Email



- Sign up or log in to your email
- Attach your video file and write in the subject line 2021 Video Application and your name
- Email to Program Coordinator Orla Latawski with the email [orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au](mailto:orla.latawski@ymcawa.org.au)



# Application Questions

1

What significant issue facing young people are you most passionate about and why?

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Why do you think you should be selected to participate in Youth Parliament 2021?

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What do you want to achieve through your participation in Youth Parliament 2021?



# Want to know more?

You can follow us on social media to keep updated with the Youth Parliament program and applications



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You can also get in touch with our Program Coordinator Orla Latawski by phone or email



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Good luck with your applications and we hope to see you at camp in July!



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