

FUNDING YOUR PROGRAM

Most Y&G delegates and advisors are able to utilize some form of financial support to offset fees and expenses.

FUNDRAISING: A well know and traditional approach, having your delegates fundraise individually or toward the collective is a common way to offset fees. Before you think “candybars”, consider something that connects civics and fundraising such as putting up local political campaign signs, interning for elected officials, or supporting the local BAR Association with volunteer hours.

UNDERWRITING: Local businesses and community boosters are often most interested in direct underwriting of a measurable activity such as ‘travel costs for 10 high school students’ or ‘delegation district competition fees’. They perceive an immediate and direct impact for their dollars that is appealing. One tip is to utilize the budget spreadsheet to quantify a cost area and then ask Y&G staff for help in brainstorming possible local organizations that would be interested.

GRANTS: The Y and many other organizations offer block grants for civic education or teen development programs. Y&G grant opportunities will be made known to all programs through normal channels, but be sure to look at local and regional foundations for opportunities to receive one-time or on-going funding for your program. One tip – have your delegates assist in the creation of the grant application. This is a real-life skill and also further engages them with the mission and goals of Y&G.

FINANCIAL AID: Financial aid is available through the Y&G program and local Y’s. For more information see the financial aid form in your packet or visit youthandgovernment.org

OTHER: In many of our school based delegations, the district or school or school board has made a financial commitment to the program and will cover a portion or all of the costs.

BUDGET MANAGEMENT

To help establish your budget, Y&G has developed a generic budget spreadsheet to help with your planning. It includes all the normal delegation and team expenses and helps identify and account for revenue as well.

You will receive this, along with other helpful program information, when you pre-register your program or download at youthandgovernment.org