



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

YMCA TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
2011-12 State Affairs Topics

1. Legalize Physician-Assisted Suicide (Euthanasia) in Texas
2. Require all Health Insurance companies to provide coverage for Birth Control products
3. Legalize the use and sale of all prohibited substances
4. Legalize gambling in Texas
5. Replace State Sales Tax with State Income Tax
6. Subsidized Health Care for all Texas citizens
7. Prohibit Tobacco use by any receiver of Medicaid or Medicare
8. Mandate that all Seniors 65 years or older take a driving test every 2 years
9. Make Cyber Bullying a criminal offense
10. Establish term limits for Texas House and Senate as well as Gov. and Lt. Gov
11. Prohibit the advertisement of prescription drugs to Texas citizens
12. Provide mandatory Comprehensive Sex-Ed in 8th Grade in all Texas Public Schools
13. Prohibit the use of Lethal Injection as a form of Capital Punishment in Texas
14. Lower the legal drinking age to 18 years in Texas
15. Establish guidelines for making it illegal to use Social Networking to incite riots or flash mobs

STATE AFFAIRS FORUM GUIDELINES

- Only up to three authors per proposal with YMCA affiliation and city listed
- Use of visual aids is **STRONGLY** encouraged. Delegate must provide easel if needed
- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED FOR VISUAL AIDS**
- Proposals need to be one page
- It is **strongly** recommended that teams from the same club should not submit proposals from the same topic (one pro and one con from the same topic is acceptable but not, for example, four teams all writing on the **SAME** topic).
- Proposals are either Pro or Con-Teams must select one or the other
- One Pro and one Con proposal per topic from each district advances to state conference
- Proposals do **NOT** deal with specific funding for ideas
- Proposals must be in proper form
- **ONLY** Proposals from this list of topics will be accepted into STATE AFFAIRS FORUM
- You will have the opportunity to display your visual aids (such as a tri-fold poster) and informally discuss your proposal during a Proposal Sharing at the State Conference.
- Some of the topics are either international or national issues; however, you need to relate it back to the impact to Texas. **Please address as such. How do they affect Texas, the US, and the World?**

In an effort to have all proposals presented, the following times will be followed at the State Conference:

- Opening remarks by proposal author (2 minutes)
- Non-debatable technical questions by committee members to be answered by proposal author. (2 minutes total)
- Chairperson opens pro/con debate. Pro debate begins first. There will be one round of pro/con debate. (1 minute per speaker) Closing summation (2 minutes + time yielded from opening remarks)
- Each delegate fills out an evaluation form on each proposal.

Please note that if a change to a rule needs to be made for the State Conference, notifications will be sent by November 1, 2011.