



Vancouver Youth Parliament

Application Package & Background Information
32nd Parliamentary Session
Feb 15-17, 2019 - Vancouver, BC

WHAT IS VYP?

Vancouver Youth Parliament (VYP) is a project of the BC Youth Parliament (BCYP), a youth organization that recognizes every young person's potential to lead and serve in the community. The Vancouver Youth Parliament is the longest continuously running of these projects, providing an opportunity for youth from the age of 14-18 to develop skills in leadership, organization, public speaking, and the parliamentary process.

VYP is not affiliated with any political party and is a non-profit organization.

Membership in VYP begins with attending the Parliamentary Session at UBC and continues throughout 2019. For detailed information about VYP's activities, visit our website, www.bcp.org/ryps.

VYPs ACTIVITIES

VYP's year begins with the Parliamentary Session from February 15th – 17th, 2019. Members meet at UBC and use the parliamentary style of debate to debate issues of a local, national, and international importance.

At Session, Members:

- Meet young people from all over the province;
- Debate current local, national, and international issues;
- Learn about debating and the rules of parliamentary procedure;
- Elect VYP's Premier, and Leader of the Opposition for the 33rd Parliament.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Each year 50 youth are "elected" to VYP as representatives of their communities. Each applicant must be nominated by an organization committed to youth (i.e. a school, community group, club, municipality or church). Five members of that group must indicate their support by signing the application form.

To be eligible for membership you must be:

- Age 14 – 18 (inclusive) as of Dec. 31, 2019;
- A resident of Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler, and other municipalities in the Sea-to-Sky region;
- Nominated by an organization committed to youth;

Due to the limited number of seats, only 50 applicants will be selected to become Members.

Individuals from outside the recruitment area who meet the age and nomination requirements may apply to attend VYP as Ambassadors. Such applicants should follow the normal application process and indicate their intention to apply as an Ambassador in their written statement.