



## YMCA Texas Model UN FAQs

### **When is the registration deadline for Model United Nations?**

The registration deadlines depend on events. Go to Timeline for more information. Students must be registered in their club to attend conferences. Once students and adults register in the program, reports are sent to Advisors and we will ask for confirmation of their attendance at events. In addition, students will select to request countries and committees and work in delegation teams of 1 up to 8 members.

### **How does country and committee assignments work?**

Countries are designated with a certain number of delegate members. Some countries and committees are only for experienced delegates, like Security Council or more complex nations like Israel. New and Experienced delegates may represent the same nation, but will should choose committees suited to their experience. Clubs will request up to 3 options; it may be that delegations do not get any of their 3 choices as requests are first come first serve, and there are multiple requests for some nations.

### **How can I best prepare to represent my country?**

The Country Report, which can be found under the Resources tab in the Research section, is a great resource that can be filled out and offers all information that is necessary for representing your delegation. The CIA World Factbook, United Nations website, Encyclopedia Britannica, and BBC Country Profile are all excellent sources to use to conduct research on your country.

### **What committees are for newer delegates?**

African Union, Economic and Social, Human Rights, UNESCO and UNICEF are more suited to newer delegates.

### **What committees are for experienced delegates?**

African Union, Economic and Social, Security Council, Special Political, SOCHUM, and UNEP are more suited to experienced delegates.

### **What is the culture of YMCA Texas Model United Nations?**

The culture of YMCA Texas Model UN rewards and lifts up behavior and attitudes that are respectful, inclusive, responsible, honest, caring, kind, friendly, collaborative and helpful.

### **What should I wear?**

The dress code is business formal. This includes suits, dresses and blazers, and dress shoes or heels/flats. No t-shirts, jeans or sneakers. For the state conference, make sure you bring a spare change of clothing for your delegation dinner and mixer!



### **What should I bring to conference?**

Helpful items to bring to conference:

- A binder or folder to hold all your printed-out materials.
- Notepads to keep track of your ideas, arguments, questions, and speeches
- Pens or other writing instruments
- Laptop or any electronic device – you will most likely have access to the internet
- Reusable Water
- USB for easy information sharing

### **What is the difference between Regional and State?**

Regional Summits are one day conferences in the DFW and Houston regions of the state. State Assembly is a 3-day, 2 night conference hosted by the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas in the Dallas area. The State Assembly is an overnight, fully immersive experience and local residents are required to stay at the hotel regardless of their proximity to the conference space for reasons of risk and rigorosity of the schedule.

### **What are the fees for TXMUN? Where do I send them?**

Regional fees vary on your area and State fees depend on your travel arrangements from around the state. Fees include conference, awards, hotel, meals and social events. At the YMCA, if you see a need, regardless of income, financial assistance can be available at your local Y or with the State Office in Dallas. Email [jstruble@ymcadallas.org](mailto:jstruble@ymcadallas.org) if you have a need. Fees are paid online via a link from your advisor or at your local YMCA.

### **Are there other conferences I can go to?**

Yes! There are many non-YMCA affiliated conferences you can attend, including but not limited to DAMUN, Model Arab League, and larger HMUN conferences. However, registration would be separate from YMCA registration.

### **What activities can I look forward to participating in outside of the debate environment in TXMUN?**

The State Assembly offers a variety of experiences for delegates to take advantage of outside of committee. Social events such as mixers and icebreakers make up most of the first evening of the conference, and games such as Twister are available during the off hours of the second evening. There is also a photo booth, balloons, and costumes, so be sure to take advantage of those as well!