



YCP INFO SHEET

The YCP Program

Launched in 2020, the Young Canadians' Parliament (YCP) program educates children and youth about their rights and the democratic system in Canada. Young people learn how to advocate for themselves and others – even at the highest levels of government – and speak up on the issues that matter most to their generation.

The YCP program promotes anti-oppressive practices and fosters resilience among young people. The program also seeks to advance principles and actions that promote justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging.

Who can apply?

Anyone under the age of 18 who resides in Canada is welcome to apply for the YCP program.

What skills will young people gain from the program?

- Youth leadership
- Critical thinking
- Public speaking
- Effective communication

Benefits of the YCP program include:

- Meet other kids and youth from across Canada and join the YCP community
- Receive a certificate of completion at the end of the one-year program
- Receive an official letter of recognition for 15 hours of volunteer services
- Gain exposure to networking and career development opportunities
- Discuss important issues that young people care about
- Engage with parliamentarians and other leaders in Canada
- Learn more ways to take action, get involved and make a difference!

What is involved?

As YCP members, children and youth participate in working sessions and events. YCP members discuss issues that are important to them and make policy recommendations. YCP members also learn how to influence legislative change at the federal level and participate in the development of:

1. Policy briefs
2. Advocacy plans
3. “Mock parliamentary bills”

YCP members plan, develop and host a “mock parliamentary debate” to debate the “mock parliamentary bills.

At the end of the program, YCP members develop a report of their recommendations and present it to parliamentarians.

What are the key dates? What is the program’s schedule?

Members are required to attend 9 online sessions to complete the program.

Here are the key dates for the 2022-2023 YCP cohort. Each session will last 1.5 hrs.

- Saturday, September 24, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, October 15, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, October 22, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, November 26, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Saturday, December 17, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. ET
- Friday, February 10, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Got questions about the YCP program?

Join us at any one of our virtual drop-in info sessions. On the date(s) you plan to attend, click on the corresponding link(s) below and it will take you directly to the Zoom meeting:

- [Thursday, August 4, 2022 – 3PM - 3:45PM ET](#) (English only)
- [Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 6PM - 6:45PM ET](#) (English only)
- [Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 3PM - 3:45PM ET](#) (French only)
- [Tuesday, August 23, 2022 – 6PM - 6:45PM ET](#) (English only)
- [Thursday, September 1, 2022 – 3PM - 3:45PM ET](#) (Bilingual)
- [Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – 6PM - 6:45PM ET](#) (English only)

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