



CYLC

CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan organization, was founded in 1985 and is located in Washington, D.C. Our mission is to foster and inspire young people to achieve their full leadership potential. In support of this mission, over 400 members of the U.S. Congress and 25 embassies representing countries around the world serve on the Council's Honorary Boards.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) offers top students from across the United States the opportunity to discuss and debate current events and leading issues with national leaders. Through uniquely designed group discussions and educational simulations, participants learn to analyze concepts, evaluate critical information and make decisions. Six-day sessions are held throughout the school year and 11-day sessions are offered during the summer. All sessions take place in Washington, D.C.

The Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) offers students from countries around the world the unique opportunity to explore global leadership issues with world leaders in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Throughout the program, students analyze these topics, as they participate in discussions, simulations and seminar activities. GYLC participants walk away with a greater understanding of the complexities of global issues and their future roles and responsibilities as leaders. Twelve-day programs are held during the summer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) is a unique leadership development program. JrNYLC introduces students to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills. During the program, participants take part in specially designed small group activities, presentations and site visits. Sessions of JrNYLC are held in Washington, D.C. during the fall, spring and summer.

ALUMNI PROGRAMS

The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC), a six-day program, is held every four years for high school-aged alumni of CYLC programs. PYIC provides these students the chance to participate in the historic events of a United States presidential inauguration.

The Global Young Leaders Summit (GYLS) is a leadership development program for alumni university students from around the world. During the program, participants explore the issues and challenges currently facing international leaders. GYLS students hone their leadership skills, while preparing for success in a world influenced by rapidly changing cultural, political and economic forces. GYLS is held in Australia.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND FUNDING

To date, more than 100,000 young people representing all 50 states, the American territories and over 75 countries around the world have participated in the Council's programs. Students are nominated to attend a program by educators, alumni or through classroom surveys. Students may also be admitted through an application process. Qualifications include high academic performance and a record of outstanding leadership. CYLC is funded through student tuition and is proud to offer scholarships to deserving students with financial need.