

Interior Youth Parliament



Application Package & Backgrounder

3rd Parliamentary Session

May 31 - June 2, 2024 at Peachland Community Centre.

WHAT IS InYP?

The Interior Youth Parliament (InYP) 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 Interior Youth Parliament is a simulation of the Westminster Parliamentary process, providing an opportunity for youth ages 14–18 to develop skills in leadership, organization, public speaking, and knowledge of societal affairs. BCYP is not affiliated with any political party and is a non-profit organization. Membership in InYP begins with attending the Parliamentary Session and continues throughout the 2024 sessional year. For detailed information about InYP's activities, visit our website at www.bccp.org/ryps.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Each year, 20 youth will be "elected" to InYP as representatives of their communities. Each applicant must be nominated by an organization committed to youth, such as a school, community group, club, municipality, or place of worship. Five members of that group must indicate their support by signing the application form.

To be eligible for membership you must satisfy the following conditions:

1. Be aged 14–18 (inclusive) as of Dec. 31, 2024;
2. Be nominated by an organization committed to youth.

Due to the limited number of seats, only 20 applicants will be selected to become Members.

InYP'S ACTIVITIES

InYP's year begins with the Parliamentary Session from May 31st to June 2nd. Members meet at Peachland Community Centre and use the Westminster Parliamentary style of debate to

debate issues of local, national, and international importance.

At Session, Members:

- Meet young people from all over the region;
- Debate current local, national, and international issues;
- Learn about debating and the rules of parliamentary procedure;
- Elect the House Leaders of the 4th Interior Youth Parliament.

After Session, members will have the opportunity to participate in fundraising, social and service events organized by the British Columbia Youth Parliament as well as organize their own, in the spirit of the community service aspect of politics and government.

SESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Parliamentary Session is held at Peachland Community Centre, in Peachland. The session runs from approximately 4:00 PM on Friday, May 31st to 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 2nd. Members return home at the end of each day's activities. Members are required to attend all of session, and must contact the Chief Returning Officer before applying if this presents a problem. The registration fee includes a new member welcome package delivered to all new Interior members, alongside organizational costs to run the event, such as meal expenses.

PRE-SESSIONAL INFORMATION

The Chief Returning Officer will notify all applicants by email or mail as to their acceptance status soon after the application deadline. Accepted Members are provided with an orientation package prior to session.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Complete the attached **application form** and mail it along with a **one-page personal statement** and **registration fee** (or letter of request for financial support) to:

Savannah Gulick
Chief Returning Officer

660 Thorneloe Road
Kelowna, BC V1W 4P6

Email: inyp@bcyp.org

Applications must be RECEIVED by May 24th, 2024 via mail or email attachment. If you sent the application by email attachment, you must mail the original signed copy with your application fee.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for each member is **\$50**. Payment may be received in the form of a **cheque, money order, or e-transfer**. A cheque or money order should be made payable to the **Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society** and sent with the application form or follow a fax or email with the original signed application as soon as possible. An e-transfer should be sent to finance@bcyp.org along with the applicant's name in the description. **Any acceptance is not final until a registration fee is received.**

We are **NOT** able to receive credit card payments. Registration fees will be held onto (but not cashed) for those on the waitlist, and returned to those not accepted. **NSF cheques are subject to a \$10 fee.**

For applicants who are in financial need, a limited amount of financial support is available from InYP. For more information, please contact the Chief Returning Officer before the May 24th application deadline, and attach a letter of request along with your application form. In order to provide support for as many members as possible, we encourage applicants to submit a cheque for whatever portion of the application fee they can afford. Requests for financial assistance cannot be considered after applicants have been accepted as members.

CANCELLATION

Accepted members who cancel on or before May 24th will receive a refund of their registration fee minus a \$10 cancellation fee. **No refunds will be issued to any member canceling after May 24th.**

Please keep these information pages for future reference.

APPLICATION FORM – 3rd Interior Youth Parliament

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

GENDER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION: _____

METHOD OF REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS

STREET / PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

COMMUNITY NOMINATION

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS/STUDENTS OF

(NAME OF ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL) _____

NOMINATE _____, A MEMBER/STUDENT OF OUR

ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL TO SIT AS AN IYP MEMBER.

FIVE NOMINATING SIGNATURES REQUIRED (other members or students of the organization/school):

	FULL NAME	RELATION	EMAIL ADDRESS
I			
II			
III			
IV			
V			

PERSONAL STATEMENT

At the Parliamentary Session, Members of InYP participate in parliamentary debate and participate in a number of skill-building workshops. After Session, Members will participate in post-Sessional events to fulfill BCYP's mission of community service.

Please attach a **one-page** personal statement, outlining why you would like to become a Member, the other activities with which you currently are or plan to become involved within your community, and how you believe you can personally contribute to InYP.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT EXPERIENCE

How did you first hear about InYP? (Please choose one option)

- Facebook/Instagram
- From a teacher (Who? _____)
- From a group leader (Who? _____)
- Through a Regional Youth Parliament (Which one? _____)
- From a member or alumnus of BCYP or a RYP (Who? _____)
- Saw a poster/brochure (Where? _____)
- Other (please specify: _____)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT

B.C. Medical Number (i.e. CareCard Number): _____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Phone number(s): (_____) _____ or (_____) _____

Name of alternative contact: _____

Phone number(s): (_____) _____ or (_____) _____

Food allergies and/or dietary restrictions: _____

Please indicate any chronic medical problems (i.e. severe asthma, allergies, seizures) that might require emergency treatment and explain the emergency treatment that might be necessary. If a condition requires the administration of medication, the Chief Returning Officer will check in regularly to confirm that medication has been administered.

Are there any other conditions which the organizers should be aware of (For example, does the participant have a sensitivity to loud noises or learning disability which would affect the member's ability to read and follow along with the legislation)? If so, **what can the organizers do to provide support?**

Is there anything else that you would like the organizers to know?

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 24TH, 2024

WAIVER

In consideration for acceptance to Interior Youth Parliament (InYP), the undersigned on behalf of the Applicant and all heirs, executors, and administrators, waives any and all claims for damages against InYP, the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP), and the Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society and their directors, officers, and agents for any and all injuries of loss which the Applicant may suffer during, or in connection with any InYP Session, trip, or any other activity.

Parental Consent: "I have read the accompanying material and do hereby allow my child/ward to attend Interior Youth Parliament." **(Mandatory)**

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

TRANSPORTATION CONSENT

The Interior Youth Parliament (InYP) and the British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) are youth service organizations where most activities throughout the year are organized and run primarily by youth. As such, some of the volunteer drivers may be under the age of majority.

Parental Consent: "I consent to my child/ward being transported in a private vehicle during the course of any InYP or BCYP event for the duration of their membership in InYP for the year 2024/2025." (Optional)

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONAL CONSENT

From time to time, the Interior Youth Parliament or British Columbia Youth Parliament may use individual or group photos of Members for promotional purposes in newspapers, on bulletin boards at Youth Parliament events, on web pages, in press releases, in media packages, in newsletters and in slide or video shows.

Parental Consent: "I hereby do consent to my child's /ward's name and photo being used for publicity and promotional purposes. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my child's/ward's likeness in public relations materials, my child/ward may be excluded from certain activities or events at Session, including the official group photo." (Optional)

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENT

To enable Members to fully participate in the organization's activities after Session, Interior Youth Parliament distributes Members' contact information throughout the organization in order to keep them informed of InYP and BCYP events and activities.

Parental Consent: "In accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act, I hereby do consent to my son's/daughter's/ward's contact information being published in the Interior Youth Parliament Journal." (Optional)

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant