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- The completed registration process will secure your place at Youth in Government.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

- Program Deposit Due at registration
- % of Remaining Fee Drawn on Credit Card November 2, 2021
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• Get exposed to students from other parts of the state who have different viewpoints
• Learn things you can’t learn from a text – critical thinking, professional skills, and leadership
• Strengthen resumes and college applications

CONFERENCE LIFE

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Thursday, January 5 – Sunday, January 9, 2022

LOCATIONS

Hilton Minneapolis
1500 Market Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Minneapolis Capital Complex
State Capitol Building
Minnesota Judicial Center
State Office Building
(Minnesota Senate Building)

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Youth in Government delegates work hard each day of the program and they get to relax each evening. Examples of some of the free-time activities:

• Carnival Games
• Leadership Candidate Forums
• Gala Ball
• Issue-Discussions

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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