

Subject: Student Y Bulletin 12.12.2018— The Holidays are a great time to SERVE!

Dear Student Y Chapter,

Thank you for your patience with this December Bulletin as we wrapped another KYA season. Before we go on break for the winter holidays, I wanted to share some final 2018 resources as well as some sneak peeks for 2019. Please read on for some ways to engage in the coming weeks:

I. Student Y Tools & Resources

Save the Date for WeDaY 2019: April 16, 2019!

If you attended a HS KYA, you may have had a chance to visit the WeSchools table during the RoadMap Fair. In addition to providing monthly service curriculum, We Day Kentucky will be held on April 16, 2019. To earn a ticket to WeDay your Student Y Chapter must complete 1 local, and 1 global service project by April. Many of you have been doing service all fall and winter, and may have already earned your ticket. All you need to do now is [REGISTER FOR WEDAY](#) and let them know you're interested in attending. Haven't earned your ticket yet? That's OK! You've got some time.

Student Y Toolkit

The toolkit continues to provide step-by-step templates, how to's and resources into 2019. You can access the toolkit on our website here, using the password: YServesKY! Scroll down to find the relevant month, or review past months for relevant and on-going resources.

II. Get Civically Engaged

We registered a TON of newly eligible seniors and juniors at KYA this fall, but there's still work to be done with voter registration! Student Y Chapters can get involved in the following ways:

Hold another Inspire Voter Registration Drive in 2019! (Grades 9-12)

To get started holding a drive, and receive materials, please [sign up your high school](#) via our partner Inspire U.S., and we'll be in touch with next steps.

Questions? Please email Program Coordinator, mariama@kymca.org. Please also see the Student Y Toolkit for Voter Registration Drive resources. Schools that get 75-100% of eligible students registered to vote can apply for the [Georgia Davis Powers Award](#) in March 2019 and win a visit from Secretary of State Alison Grimes.

Voter Registration Essay Contest (Grades 9-12)

The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office is holding its 30th Annual Essay contest for high school students. Students in grades 9-12 can submit a 600 word essay, addressing the voter education prompt, with a chance to earn a \$1,000 cash prize. Essay entries are **due December 21st**, and winners will be notified in March 2019. To see contest guidelines, read this year's prompt, and participate, [visit here!](#)

Voter Education Slogan Essay Contest (Grades 6-8)

The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office is holding its 2018-19 Slogan contest for middle school students! This contest encourages students and teachers to combat decreasing voter participation in young voters, by coming up with an original slogan to educate and encourage voters in Kentucky! Students who enter the contest have a chance to earn a cash prize of up to \$1,000. Slogan entries are **due December 21st**, and winners will be notified in March 2019. To see contest guidelines, read this year's slogan prompt, and participate, [visit here!](#)

III. December Service Opportunities:

There are so many ways to serve this month, but here are just a few ideas to get you started:

1. Hold a toy/gift drive in your community and donate the toys/gifts to a charity or organization in need
2. Participate in the WE Schools "[WE Film for Change](#)" campaign to bring attention to advocacy issues you're passionate about!
3. Explore social entrepreneurship with [WE Are Rafikis](#), a campaign that sets students up with resources for selling Rafiki chains as a fundraiser.

Onward,
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