

Subject: Student Y Bulletin 11.7.18— Student Y Points, Voter Engagement, & More!

Dear Student Y Chapter,

Thank you to those who submitted Fall Action plans! I look forward to reviewing them this month. For those who missed the Fall Action plan deadline, you are still welcome to complete one (although it will be ineligible for points), and I encourage you to submit a Spring Action Plan in February.

As we head into KYA season, we look forward to seeing many of you at the Crowne Plaza. In the meantime, here are some ways to keep you Student Y engaged this month:

I. Student Y Tools & Resources

Student Y Toolkit

A reminder, that you all now have access to the Student Y Toolkit. This is a month-by-month guide for you and your Student Y to follow. You can access the toolkit on our website here, using the password: YServesKY!

Student Y Points Outline added to Toolkit!

Thank you for your patience, the Student Y Points outline is now available on the toolkit! You can review this document to learn how to earn points year-round, for different service projects or assignments.

II. Get Civically Engaged

This winter, there are many ways for Student Y Chapters to be recognized for voter registration and education events. Now that the 2018 midterms have ended, efforts can be turned toward the May 2019 Kentucky primary election. Student Y Chapters can get involved in the following ways:

First time voter? Share your #ivoted selfie!

Yesterday's Midterm Election saw an overwhelming turn out to the polls! Did you or your students vote for the first time? If so, we want to see your #ivote selfie, tag @KYYMCA and let us know how it felt to vote for the first time!

Voter Registration Essay Contest (Grades 9-12)

The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office is holding it's 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. November Service Opportunities:

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

1. **HS Chapters:** Bring your eligible seniors and juniors to the SOS Office at KYA to register or pledge to vote during KYA!
2. **Hold a "Thank You" card drive at your school,** and write notes of gratitude to teachers, educators, and administrators in your community
3. **Hold a healthy living event** and raise funds through the "[WE Give Health](#)" campaign.

Onward,
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