

WHY FORM A YOUTH GROUP OF NAP

WHAT IS A YOUTH GROUP?

A youth group of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS® is a group of youth interested in parliamentary procedure who are enrolled in an educational institution or are members of a youth association and have organized as a group for study under the sponsorship and continuing supervision of an NAP member.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMING A YOUTH GROUP?

- Expectation of holding regular meetings with educational programs on parliamentary procedure.
- Submission of the “Application for Certificate of Youth Group Membership” together with one copy of youth group bylaws approved by NAP Bylaws Committee.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP IN A YOUTH GROUP?

- Through regular participation in a youth group, the members will gain a knowledge of parliamentary procedure and will have a setting in which to practice the use of this knowledge, thereby preparing them for participation in the groups in which they will be involved in the future.
- Membership in a youth group gives the individual the potential of becoming an NAP member and participating in the activities of a unit.

WHAT ARE THE DUES OR FEES INVOLVED IN A YOUTH GROUP?

A youth group may provide in its bylaws for dues or fees to be paid by the members to the youth group.

The NAP Standing Rules provide for annual dues of \$27 to be paid to NAP by the youth group. Each youth group receives a subscription to the *National Parliamentarian*®.

DO YOUTH GROUPS SELECT THEIR OWN NAMES?

Yes. Youth groups may wish to use any of the following in their name: 1) the name of the educational institution in which the students are enrolled, 2) the city in which the group resides, 3) the name of a geographic area, etc.

AFTER IT IS DECIDED TO FORM A YOUTH GROUP, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

A meeting should be scheduled at which information is provided about the organization of the youth group. (More than one meeting may be required.)

A resolution should be adopted that declares the intent of the group to apply for a certificate of youth group membership.

Bylaws should be drawn up and adopted, subject to approval of the NAP Bylaws Committee.

The NAP member who will be the sponsor and supervisor should see that the steps described above regarding the application for the youth group certificate and submission of the bylaws are executed.

IS THE CERTIFICATE OF YOUTH GROUP MEMBERSHIP PERPETUAL?

Yes, so long as the requirements are met.