

**Youth Programs Sponsored by the  
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In addition to Students Inside Albany, local Leagues organize numerous other youth leadership and civic engagement programs, such as Take Me to Vote, Student Parent Mock Elections, Kids Voting USA, Running and Winning, and the Working Group on Girls.

For more information on how to participate in the *Students Inside Albany* conference, or any of our other programs listed above, please contact the League of Women Voters of New York State at 518-465-4162 or e-mail: [lwnvy@lwnvy.org](mailto:lwnvy@lwnvy.org) or contact your local League representative listed below.

**Frequently Asked Questions  
About Students Inside Albany**

**How do you choose the students that will attend SIA?** Since each student is a representative of a local League and their community, the local League sets the criteria for sending a student. Each student may be asked to write about the conference for their sponsoring local League's bulletin and may also be asked to be a special guest at one of their meetings.

**Is there any cost to the student?** No, LWNVSEF, along with our cosponsors pays for the entire conference, which includes lodging, meals and snacks. The local League that sponsors the student, is responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from the conference.

**How much time will I miss from school?** The conference starts on a Sunday afternoon and ends on Wednesday afternoon. So, the student will miss two, possibly three days of school.



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**League of Women Voters of  
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Education Foundation, Inc.**

**Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc. (LWNVSEF) is strictly nonpartisan, and works primarily on projects that enlighten the electorate, i.e., *empower through education*, without advocating for any particular cause or policy, party or candidate. LWNVSEF is committed to increasing citizen knowledge *of* and participation *in* their government. The LWNVSEF believes that the basis of a strong democracy is an enlightened, educated citizenry.



**Students Inside Albany  
Conference**

**May 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**



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## ***What is Students Inside Albany?***

*Students Inside Albany* (SIA) is a conference sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc. The program is designed to increase students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

This interactive conference will bring together high school students from across the state to learn about New York State government and the process by which citizens can participate in the policy making arena.



## ***What are the learning objectives of Students Inside Albany?***

- To increase student understanding of public policy in New York State.
- To enhance student understanding of the roles of the various forces seeking to impact New York State legislation and policy development, enactment and change.
- To promote an increased understanding of the New York State legislative process through legislative shadowing experience



## ***What SIA graduates had to say about the conference:***

*"Learned invaluable lessons about NYS government and being a more active citizen"*

*-Dan Karp, 2017 Participant*

*"It was an incredibly unique experience that I don't think any other program could provide"*

*-Katie Lawless, 2016 Participant*

*"You learn so much important information in a couple of days "*

*- Helen Barna, 2015 Participant*

*"It is an experience that is one in a lifetime and could possibly change your career choice."*

*-David Peterson, 2014 Participant*

*"If a you are interested in government, you wont get the connections & experiences anywhere else but SIA"*

*- Cassidy Berger, 2017 Participant*

*"I loved the interactive activities"*

*-Maggie Pedersen, 2015 Participant*

*"I now, more than ever, want to run/hold political office or become a member of a campaign."*

*-Seneca Anastasio, 2014 Participant*

*"Great Way to gain insight into state government"*

*-Taylor Fox, 2016 Participant*

*"I've made great connections that encourage me to be an active citizen."*

*-Hannah Osborne, 2014 Participant*

## ***PAST CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS***

### **Sunday**

Registration

Welcome

Overview of Program

How Does NYS Government Work?

### **Monday**

Tips for Being a Successful Citizen Lobbyist

Lobby Role-Playing with Legislators

Tour of the NYS Capitol

Students Shadow NYS Assembly member

Media Perspectives on Public Policy Issues

Bowling and Social Activity

### **Tuesday**

Open Government: Sunshine is the Best

Disinfectant

Political Activism: How Citizens Can Make a

Difference

Tour and Introduction to NYS Court of Appeals

Students Shadow NYS Senator

Cruise on Hudson River

### **Wednesday**

Recognition Breakfast

Voter Registration Basics

Conference Adjourned

