



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA – ST. PETERSBURG & FLORIDA YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CIVIC FELLOW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## OVERVIEW

The USFSP YMCA Civic Fellows Program is a partnership between the university of South Florida St. Petersburg and the YMCA Youth In Government.

This is an academic year-long scholarship program. In 2022, the program will begin during the spring semester and conclude on campus during the summer. Students will participate in their local Youth In Government programming, complete two civic project papers, and attend the statewide Youth In Government Assembly at Camp Keystone (Starke, FL) from April 8 – 10, 2022. The program concludes with the weeklong USFSP YMCA Summer Civics Institutes at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg scheduled for June 12-18, 2022.

The scholarship covers the full tuition and fees cost of the six college credit hours and the on-campus Summer Civics Institute, totaling over \$2,500. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Summer Civics Institute and YIG event costs during the school year, with need-based program scholarships available.

Content delivery will occur in person and by using Google Classroom and include distance learning, experiential learning, service-learning, and civic engagement opportunities. The program will also include the Summer Civics Institute at USFSP with lectures, field trips, and activities, which will further deepen understanding of state and local government. As an added bonus high school students will likely get their first introduction to studying and living on a college campus.

Students will earn six credits at USFSP for participation in the USFSP YMCA Civic Fellows Program: POS 3182 Florida Politics and Government (3 credits) and LDR 3263: Community Leadership Practicum: Civic Fellows Program (3 credits). All Civic Fellows must apply to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg as non-degree seeking students and verify Florida residency in order to receive credits.

For more than 60 years, YIG has provided civics and character education to middle and high school students culminating in an experiential learning opportunity through the model State Assembly program. Students learn about public policy and the legislative process. With up to 75 students per cohort this high level of community engagement and administration of college courses is the first and only of its kind in the nation and sets the national model for civic education. The program serves students across the state including these 18 Florida counties: Alachua, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Cloumbia, Duval, Hernado, Hillsbrough, Lee, Martin, Organe, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, and St. John’s.

Learn more and apply at <https://www.floridaymcas.org/civicfellows>

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