

2020-2021 Youth Nomination
North Dakota Lutheran Youth Fellowship
District Youth Commission (DYC)



Nominations are currently open for high school students willing to serve on the ND Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) DYC. Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, **August 5, 2021** and presented at the LYF Gathering business meeting at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND. Final selections will be by written ballots cast by students at the LYF Gathering. Nominations are encouraged whether youth are able to attend the 2021 Gathering or not! Yes! You can nominate yourself.

For any offices not filled at the Gathering, nominations are welcome after the Gathering. Late nominations will be reviewed by current DYC members and adults currently involved in youth ministry. Nominees will be informed as to who is selected by October 1, 2021.

The DYC is made up of the following:

President - Leads the District LYF meetings. Assists the DYC advisor(s) with coordination of the DYC and District LYF. Represents the ND District LYF within our District and serves as a spokesperson.

President-elect - Learns the duties of the president. Attends Synod YouthLead training, March 17-20, 2022, in St. Louis, MO. Serves as a presenter for the YouthLead training learned in St. Louis as requested by the District, Circuits and congregations. After completing one year term, assumes the office of President.

Secretary - Takes minutes at all meetings and sends a copy of minutes to DYC members and advisors.

Treasurer - Collects and deposits mission project money and disburses to the District LYF mission projects. Presents a financial report at DYC meetings and the District LYF Gathering.

Christian Growth - Leads devotions and prayers at District LYF meetings and Gatherings.

Editor/tech - Supports social media presence. Provides technical support at retreats and Gatherings.

Assistant Editor/Historian/Assistant tech - Learns duties of the Editor/tech and reviews the website. Serves as photographer at all District events. After completing term, assumes the office of Editor/tech.

Circuit/zone representative - Participates in DYC activities as a representative of congregations in their Circuit/zone - Central, Eastern, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast or Southwest. Reports on Circuit/zone LYF activity.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Christian Growth positions will serve a ONE year term through August 2022. The President-elect and Assistant Editor/Historian/Assistant tech will serve a TWO year term through August 2023. The President-elect serves one year and then becomes President the second year. The Assistant Editor/Historian/Assistant tech serves one year and then becomes Editor/Tech the second year.

The DYC meets 3—4 times a year in addition to the ND District youth events (March Retreat, summer Gathering, October middle school Gathering plus other events that may be planned). DYC members are expected to be present at all meetings and youth events. Clear, timely communication with the LYF advisors and DYC President is required to minimize schedule conflicts with school, family and work commitments.

Meetings are usually held in a central ND location. For the safety of the students, parents/youth leaders are asked to assist with transportation to/from meetings which will be reimbursed at the IRS charitable rate of \$.14/mile.

Before agreeing to be nominated, youth are encouraged to pray for God's guidance as they consider the ways they wish to use their talents to serve the Church and whether they have the desire to make their service on the DYC a priority.

Here are some things to know about nominating a teen to serve.

- The youth may be nominated by anyone—even themselves!
- The nominee must be a high school student during the 2021-2022 school year.
- The nominee must be active in their local congregation worship life and activities.
- All nominations will be taken seriously.

ND Lutheran Youth Fellowship District Youth Commission NOMINATION FORM

The nominee is asked to complete this form and respond in writing to the five questions listed below. Each nominee must ask their pastor, DCE or youth leader to provide a letter of recommendation. The letter of recommendation should include examples/descriptions of the nominee's energy, personality, talents, cooperation and qualities observed that would help them share the love of Jesus through service on the DYC.

DEADLINE: The nomination form, answers to the five questions below and recommendation letter must be submitted by Thursday, **August 5, 2021**. Please mail or scan & email to: ND District LYF Lay Advisor, Pat Sebastian, 3000 Bernell Dr, Bismarck, ND 58503, patsebbis@aol.com

Nominee's Name _____ Age _____ H.S. Grade (2021-2022) _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-Mail _____

Church _____ City _____

Name of Adult recommending this nominee _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day phone _____ Cell phone _____

Evening phone _____ E-mail _____

The adult listed above may be contacted to provide further information about this nominee.

Each youth nominee is invited to write a paragraph about each of the following:

- 1) Your family;
- 2) Your school and other activities/interests;
- 3) Your church activities;
- 4) Ways you would like to influence other students as a DYC member;
- 5) Your favorite Bible verse or story and why it's important to you.

Please check any of the following DYC positions for which you would like to be considered (you can select more than one!):

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Eligible to serve</u>
___ President	1 year	Grades 10-12
___ President-elect	2 years, 2 nd year as President	Grades 10-11
___ Secretary	1 year	Grades 9-12
___ Treasurer	1 year	Grades 9-12
___ Christian Growth	1 year	Grades 9-12
___ Editor/tech	1 year	Grades 9-12
___ Assistant Editor/Historian/assistant tech	2 years, 2 nd year as Editor/tech	Grades 9-11
___ Circuit/zone representative (6 Circuits)	1 year	Grades 8-12

Congregations in the District are divided among six Circuits (Central, Eastern, NE, NW, SE and SW)

NOTE: High school seniors are not eligible for two year terms.