

OFFICER EXPECTATIONS & FUNCTIONS OF MODEL UNITED NATIONS ELECTED OFFICERS

In addition to the general expectations and functions that are necessary for every Officer in Youth in Government programs to follow, there are specific roles that Officers must play to fulfill the responsibility as a leader of their program area.

The expectations listed below are a list of desirable attributes and functions, as well as a list of some of the tasks required of the various officers.

SECRETARY—GENERAL

Expectations

- One Year Conference Experience
- 8th Grade
- Possesses exceptional skills in public speaking, organization and working with others.

Functions

- Speaks at the opening and closing conventions of the Model United Nations program in a welcome address and farewell address respectively.
- Works cooperatively with Youth in Government volunteers and staff to provide a high-quality, well-rounded educational experience for teenage youth from across the region.
- Acts as facilitator for the Secretariat, youth officers, appointed officials and delegates.
- Ensures completion of background papers for the Study Guide and other research materials.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Expectations

- One Year Conference Experience
- 8th Grade
- Possesses exceptional skills in public speaker, organization and working with others.

Functions

- Declares the opening and closing of each plenary meeting and direct discussion in plenary meetings.
- Has complete control of the proceedings at any meeting.
- Ensures observance of the rules, accord the right to speak, put questions, and announce decisions.
- Appoints qualified staff members to assist in the roles of the program area.

PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Expectations

- One Year Conference Experience
- Possesses exceptional skills in public speaker, organization and working with others.

Functions

- Presides over meetings of the Security Council and calls upon representatives in the order which they signify their desire to speak.
- Represents, under authority of the Security Council, its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.
- Appoints qualified staff members to assist in the roles of the program area.
- Reports before the closing Session of the Model United Nations Session the activities and opinions of the Security Council.

PRESIDENT ECOSOC & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Expectations

- Possesses exceptional skills in human relations, organization and working with others.
- Familiar with Parliamentary Procedure and willingness to learn

Functions

- Directs discussion and has complete control of the proceedings at any meeting.
- Ensures observance of the rules, accord the right to speak, put questions, and announce decisions. The President and Committee Chair rules on all points of order.
- Appoints qualified staff members to assist in the roles of the program area.
- Declares the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the Council.
- Reports before the closing Session of the Model United Nations Session the activities and opinions of the Council.