

**Youth Programs Sponsored by the  
League of Women Voters**

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: [lwny@lwny.org](mailto:lwny@lwny.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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**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.



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**Students Inside Albany  
Conference**

**APRIL 10-13, 2011**



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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 experiences.

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

*"SIA was a wonderful experience, an education that you could never get in a classroom."  
-Robby Glass, 2009 Participant*

*"I feel more confident about public speaking and being a leader."  
-Tinamarie Fusco, 2007 Participant*

*"SIA made me want to learn more about government and participate in any way I can."  
-Lara Jensen, 2010 Participant*

*"SIA was a great opportunity to meet new people from all over NYS and to learn about NYS Government."  
-Max Marsland, 2008 Participant*

*"The SIA Conference was the most influential and education trip that I have ever taken. I took something away from every seminar that I attended and person that I met there."  
-Jake Brodsky, 2009 Participant*

*"SIA was a rewarding experience and taught me a great deal about our government."  
-Elizabeth Besozzi, 2010 Participant*

*"I gained a better respect for my state government and how they work."  
-Andrea Locke, 2008 Participant*

*"SIA was such a rewarding, educational experience! I'm so glad I was able to participate in this program."  
-Morgan Schmitt, 2009 Participant*

*"SIA was a great experience to learn and understand government more and to make our voices heard."  
-Nicole Chun, 2010 Participant*

## ***PAST CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS***

### **Sunday**

Registration  
Welcome  
Overview of Program  
Basics of NYS Government

### **Monday**

Tips for Being a Successful Citizen Lobbyist  
A Guide to Open Government in NYS  
Tour of the NYS Capitol  
Students Shadow NYS Assemblymember  
The Role Media Plays In Politics

### **Tuesday**

Types of Lobbyists  
How to Use Technology for Effective Lobbying  
Vote 18  
Students Shadow NYS Senator  
Impact of a Citizen Lobbyist

### **Wednesday**

Recognition Breakfast  
Voter Registration Basics  
Conference Adjourned

