

**VIRGINIA SYNOD LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION BOARD**  
**PASTOR AND PARENT RECOMMENDATION FORM**  
**FOR 2025-2026 BOARD NOMINEE**

**→ DO NOT SUBMIT UNLESS YOUTH IS A NOMINEE FOR THE LYO BOARD!**

This form must be accompanied by the VIRGINIA SYNOD LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION NOMINATION FORM AND NOMINEE INFO SHEET. This form must be completed by the nominee's pastor, congregation president, or youth director AND the nominee's parent/guardian in order for the nomination process to be complete. Return to Dave Delaney, Virginia Synod ELCA, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153

**THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE L.Y.O.B. NOMINEE'S PASTOR,  
CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT, OR YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's congregation and location (town or city) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (name of person filling out this reference): \_\_\_\_\_

Your position in the congregation's youth ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

***"I have reviewed the expectations of an LYO Board member with this nominee." (on page 2 of this sheet)***

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

→ Note: If you as a congregation leader have any concerns about this young person's suitability for service on the Virginia Synod LYO Board, please contact:

Synod Youth Director Dave Delaney    Cell: 540-529-6893    E-mail: [delaney@vasynod.org](mailto:delaney@vasynod.org)

**THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE L.Y.O.B. NOMINEE'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's congregation and location (town or city) \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which the youth is being nominated (please circle one):

8<sup>th</sup> grade representative (*appointed*)

Multi-cultural representative (*appointed*)

9<sup>th</sup> grade representative (*elected*)

tAble representative (*appointed*)

10<sup>th</sup> grade representative (*elected*)

11<sup>th</sup> grade representative (*elected*)

12<sup>th</sup> grade representative / President (*elected*)

Your name (name of person filling out this reference) and relationship to the nominee:

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ABOUT SERVICE ON THE VIRGINIA SYNOD LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION BOARD**

The **Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Organization** is a body that serves all Lutheran youth in Virginia from grades 7-12. The LYO Constitution states that each year a Board will be selected at the Youth Assembly, with one representative for each of grades 8-12. **Ninth through twelfth** grade representatives are *elected* at the Assembly and the **eighth grader** is *appointed* by the new Board, along with a **multi-cultural representative** and a **definitely-abled representative**.

**The main commitment involved with serving on the LYO Board is:**

- Attendance at the 2026 Youth Assembly or Youth Summit (dates TBA).
- Participation in the 3-4 meetings of the group during the 2025-2026 school year (usually held in the middle of the state or online), at least one of which may be an overnight meeting (Friday evening through all day Saturday in either September or March).

*\*Note: If you are a person who has a lot of Saturday commitments (work, sports and other things), and you think you may miss more than two of these meetings, you may want to consider withdrawing your nomination so that someone else can serve. Over the years, Lutheran youth have made service on this Board a strong priority, and so the expectation for commitment remains high!*

The elections are held each year at the Youth Assembly. This year's Assembly is June 13-15, 2025 at Roanoke College, and LYO Board nominees are entitled to attend (at the full registration cost) even if they are not one of their congregation's delegates, although Assembly attendance is not required in order to be a nominee for the Board. If you need information on attending, contact Dave Delaney at the Virginia Synod Office – 540-529-6893 / [delaney@vasynod.org](mailto:delaney@vasynod.org).