

# VIRGINIA SYNOD LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION BOARD

## NOMINATION AND NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM – 2025-2026

*Youth who are interested in or have been encouraged to be nominees for the LYO Board must fill this form out and either submit it prior to the Youth Assembly or turn it in at the Youth Assembly check-in desk. Please see “ABOUT SERVICE ON THE VIRGINIA SYNOD LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION BOARD” below. Grades 9-12 are elected by the Youth Assembly, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grader, multi-cultural, and “tAble” representatives are appointed by the new Board after the Youth Assembly elections.*

Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School grade in 2024-2025 (current year): \_\_\_\_\_ School grade in 2025-2026 (next year): \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a nominee who would like to be considered for appointment as either  
\_\_\_\_ the 8<sup>th</sup> grade representative  
\_\_\_\_ the multi-cultural representative  
\_\_\_\_ the tAble representative

### **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 to 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 (date 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 on 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).

*(see section on reverse side to be filled out by nominee ➔)*

**INFORMATION ABOUT 2025-2026 LYO BOARD NOMINEE**  
**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE NOMINEE FOR THE LYO BOARD**

*Please do **\*not\*** use this form to register for the Youth Assembly!*

**In the space below (or on a separate piece of paper), please say a bit about yourself and why you would like to serve on the LYO Board.** Return this form to Dave Delaney, Virginia Synod ELCA, PO Box 70, Salem VA 24153 no later than May 28, 2025 or else bring it with you to the Youth Assembly. In addition to this form, every nominee must arrange to have the “**Pastor and Family Recommendation Form for 2025-2026 Board Nominee**” form sent to the Synod Office or brought to the Assembly. You do **\*not\*** need to be a congregational delegate to the 2025 Youth Assembly in order to be a nominee for the 2025-2026 Board, although by virtue of being a nominee you may attend (at the regular cost) along with your congregation’s other Youth Assembly delegates. The information you share below will be provided to delegates at this year’s Youth Assembly so that people can get to know you a little bit before the voting process.