

GUIDELINES AND RULES



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Welcome to the 2018 CATALYST Program!

Have some questions about what's expected?
We hope this clarifies things!

Who can be on our team?

Any student at your high school interested in bettering their community through the legislative process or learning more about how government works.

Who will provide us with resources?

The Tennessee Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division will provide you with the tools you need to ensure your team will be able to meaningfully participate in the program. Go to TBACatalyst.org and click on the Catalyst Program Tab to access videos and handouts designed to help you understand how to draft bills that will succeed.

Our school has an active Youth In Government program. Can those students also participate in the CATALYST program?

Of course! And we encourage them to do so! They will simply have the advantage of having prior knowledge as to how the Legislature works due to their involvement with YIG.

Who will we be competing against?

Schools across the State of Tennessee. You will be competing for the opportunity to attend a "Day on the Hill" in Nashville.

How can my school win?

If your team submits a bill that is selected to be sponsored by a representative, and that bill becomes law your school will be recognized as a CATALYST Achievement Award Winner!

The team(s) who's bills are selected to become law will be invited, all expenses paid, to a day on the Hill to meet with their State Senator and State Representative for a lunch provided by the Tennessee Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division and for a tour of the Capitol Building.

We are brilliant and can't choose just one idea. How many bills can we propose for consideration?

For the inaugural year of this program, we are asking that teams be limited to submitting no more than **five** bills. However, in order to be considered for a CATALYST Achievement Award, you must submit at least **one** bill per team.

All bills are due to be submitted to the TBA YLD no later than **November 15th, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**

All submissions should be emailed directly to tbacatalyst@tnbar.org