



## **LWML Mid-South District Process -- YWRs to National Conventions**

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### **Definition of Young Woman Representative (YWR)**

The primary definition for a YWR is her age and her membership in an LCMS congregation. Any young woman who is between the ages of 22 and 35 may be a YWR. NOTE: The age range can be extended in specific circumstances.

### **How to apply:**

1. Complete the YWR application. The form is available on-line at <https://www.lwml.org/posts/young-women-resources/ywr-application>.
2. Send the completed application to either the district YWR Committee Chairman, Kathy Bohlken via [webmaster@midsouthlwml.org](mailto:webmaster@midsouthlwml.org), or the district President, Sandie Harjala, at [president@midsouthlwml.org](mailto:president@midsouthlwml.org). Applications must be received by **DECEMBER 31, 2024**
3. You should receive a response letting you know whether you were selected by February 15, 2025.

### **What to expect if you are selected:**

The LWML Mid-South District strives to send the maximum allowed number of Young Women Representatives to a national LWML convention. Most recently, that number has been 4. All expenses are covered (see below). For more information about the requirements, use the link mentioned above.

The YWR experience at a national convention is INCREDIBLE! You will attend the convention sessions as well as special events just for YWRs. You'll also get to spend time with special convention guests such as the national LWML President, national LWML board members, keynote speakers, etc. The YWRs sit with the district delegation on the convention floor.

You should keep a record of all expenses and receipts. Expenses to be covered include:

- Hotel accommodations for one half of a shared 2-person room for the duration of the convention (typically a Thursday through Sunday for 3 nights).
- Hotel accommodations for one half of a 2-person room for travel to/from the convention if warranted by distance.
- The convention registration fee and all meals provided as part of the convention "package".
- Meal costs incurred during travel to/from the convention if warranted by distance.
- Transportation costs if incurred directly by the YWR (e.g., she needs to fly or to drive her own vehicle).

To be reimbursed you will submit a district expense reimbursement form. This will be supplied by the district president or treasurer with instructions for how to submit the request.

You will be expected to speak at zone and district events about your experience at the national convention. Typically, this would be at a district convention which is in the summer following the national convention.

Even if you are not selected to represent the district as an “official” YWR, please attend the convention anyway! Talk with the ladies in your local congregation. Often local groups provide scholarships or will assist with transportation or other expenses.

**If you have any questions, please use the Contact US form on the website by clicking [HERE](#). Be sure to put “YWR Application” in the subject field.**