



Millennial Gubernatorial Debate Proposal

The University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership and Virginia 21 have extended an invitation to both the Young Republican Federation of Virginia (YRFV) and the Virginia Young Democrats (VAYD) to participate as hosts for their Millennial Gubernatorial Debate to be held sometime either in September or October of 2017 (date to be determined once the two parties' nominees are selected after the June 13, 2017 primary).

This would be the first televised Gubernatorial debate with a millennial focus for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The debate will either be held in Charlottesville, VA or Richmond, VA. A major reputable television media partner will air the debate during primetime with a non-partisan moderator selected by the sponsoring television station.

The Sorensen Institute and Virginia 21 are envisioning a forum with an interactive social media portion. Debate details will be determined by the two nominees and their campaigns once they are selected. Questions will be selected by the participating host organizations.

No costs will be incurred by both the YRFV and the VAYD to participate. The Sorensen Institute and Virginia 21 have considerable resources to host and televise the debate. This is an opportunity to promote the YRFV and obtain both statewide and national press coverage.

The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership was founded in 1993 to bring together diverse individuals with a passion for politics and public service. All have a wide variety of viewpoints and backgrounds but want to work together for the common good. Their non-partisan mission is to strengthen and enhance the quality of government at all levels throughout Virginia.

Virginia21 is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that injects young Virginians into the political process by providing information, training, and opportunities to influence policy-makers. They are driven by a non-partisan issue agenda because they understand that issues affecting the well-being of the millennial generation transcend party lines.