



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Goals:

1. To provide the delegates/participants an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and their positions.
2. To challenge the candidates with specific, pertinent and concrete questions.
3. To help the delegates/participants decide on which candidate to support.

Procedures

Meet the candidates can be done a few different ways:

1. The candidate stands in front of the whole group and participants ask questions of them. We recommend setting a time limit of 10 minutes per candidate (or 5, depending on the number of candidates and total time allotted for this program).
2. If you have a larger group and want to make this process more intimate, you can split the participants/delegates into smaller groups. The candidates will rotate amongst the groups and answer questions that the participants/delegates have. In this situation, we recommend 5 minutes per candidate.
3. Use pre-written questions, submitted by the TYG advisor, President, and/or participants of the youth group. Each candidate responds to each question.

Guidelines for Meet the Candidates Questions

- Don't make it about personal issues one might have with the candidate.
- Do make it about what the person is running for.
- Don't ask questions that are off-topic; it won't help with the limited amount of time or help you get to know the person better.
- Do ask questions that help you understand the leadership style of someone who wants to be your leader
- If it ever feels like the questions are getting inappropriate or off topic, advisors and clergy have every right to change the questioning.

Optional – Position Papers

Candidates for NFTY's North American Board submit 1-page position papers that introduce their leadership platform to the voters. If you want to have your TYG board candidates submit position papers, here are some guidelines:

- A brief introduction about yourself
- The direction you'd like to see the TYG go in overall
- Specific ideas, recommendations to improve the TYG in the context of your role

Submit position papers 3-7 days before the election so that you/your advisor can review them.