

United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women 62nd Session (UNCSW62)

Application for YWCA USA delegates

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

During the Commission's annual two-week session, representatives of UN Member States, civil society organizations and UN entities gather at UN headquarters in New York. They discuss progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#), the key global policy document on gender equality, and the [23rd special session of the General Assembly](#) held in 2000 (Beijing+5), as well as emerging issues that affect gender equality and the empowerment of women. Member States agree on further actions to accelerate progress and promote women's enjoyment of their rights in political, economic and social fields.

Learn more about [UNCSW](#) and YWCA USA's [global work](#).

Please complete this form and submit it via email to Kelli Shewmaker at kshewmaker@ywca.org. In addition to this application form, you must also submit your resume, a letter of interest, and a letter of support. If you need additional space for your answers in Section 2, please attach another sheet and reference the question numbers.

The letter of interest should be written by you and outline your past work on global issues and your goals for promoting the global work of YWCA USA in your local YWCA community. Specifically, you should discuss how this year's theme "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls" relates to your work.

The letter of support should be written by the executive director (ED) or chief executive officer (CEO) at the YWCA local association you are affiliated with. The letter should document that the leadership of your local association is aware and supportive of your plans to be involved with this event and with the ongoing global work of YWCA USA. For EDs and CEOs applying, letters of support should be written by the Board President. Both letters should be no longer than 2 pages each.

All materials must be received by **10 PM Eastern, Friday, January 5, 2018.**

Receipt of your application and materials will be confirmed by January 12th. Applicants selected to be delegates will also be awarded a stipend to cover the cost of attendance at the UNCSW for one or more days. More information about the stipend will be provided to delegates after notification is made. Please direct any questions to Kelli Shewmaker at kshewmaker@ywca.org.

Section 1 – Personal Data

This information is required by the United Nations (all fields must be completed).

Title	
Gender	
First name	
Last name	
Position	
Birthdate	
Place of Birth (as listed on passport)	
Address	
Country	
Phone	
Email	

Section 2 – Data for United Nations Grounds Pass

This information is required by the United Nations (all fields must be completed).

Local Address	
Weight (in kg)	
Height (in cm)	
Hair color	
Eye color	
Do you already have a valid UN Grounds Pass?	
Have you attended UNCSW in the past?	
Emergency Contact, First and Last name	
Emergency Contact, phone number	

Section 3 - Additional Information

This information will only be shared with YWCA USA and other members of the YWCA USA delegation.

1	Your local association (YWCA Name; City, State)	
2	Your current title/role with your YWCA local association	
3	How long have you been in this role?	
4	If you have held other roles with YWCA, list other titles here	
5	If you have previously held another role with YWCA, how many years in total have you been with YWCA?	
6	Have you ever received a stipend or scholarship from YWCA USA?	
7	If yes, list events and years	
8	Have you attended UNCSW, as a YWCA delegate, in the past?	
9	Have you attended UNCSW, with an organization other than YWCA, in the past? If yes, please share detail.	
10	Have you attended other UN events, other than UNCSW? If yes, which events?	
11	Have you attended a World YWCA Quadrennial Meeting (World Council)?	
12	Have you attended any other World YWCA event (other than World Council)?	
13	Have you served as a World YWCA board member or filled any other formal role with World YWCA?	
14	Do you speak another language other than English?	
15	If yes, what is your fluency level (basic, intermediary, advanced)?	
16	Have you traveled internationally?	
17	If yes, please share detail.	
18	Does your local association serve a community that would be considered rural? If yes, please share detail.	

Section 4 - Additional materials required

Enter your initials in the box on the right next to each item to confirm submission or review.

Have you submitted your Letter of Support from your ED or CEO? (EDs and CEOs must submit a Letter of Support from their Board President)	
Have you submitted your Letter of Interest?	
Have you submitted your resume?	