



MUN FAQ

The most commonly asked questions about the MUN program



What is MUN?

Origin of MUN

MUN, or Model United Nations, is a nationwide program within many schools and universities where students assume roles of countries and/or organizations represented within the actual United Nations, which is divided up into specific committees concerning world issues. The first form of the United Nations was the League of Nations before World War II. Harvard University established a simulation in their Politics course and debate over issues during that time such as war, colonization, and other issues. Post-WWII, the United Nations replaced the League of Nations, and consequently Harvard replaced their Model League of Nations with Model United Nations. Soon, many schools began to follow Harvard's lead, and soon schools and universities established their own Model United Nations conferences all over the world.

Purpose of MUN

The purpose of MUN is to unify students with encouragement of debate and discuss and promote issues of world issues and international relations within today's youth. This simulation promotes students to a new perspective and great understanding of global politics and international politics.

Why should you participate in MUN?

Doing MUN in high school is amazing for college admissions. It is one of the most prestigious activities an applicant can put on their application to universities. It is also a program where you can meet new friends and create bonds with other people, creating more diplomacy and better social skills. MUN also improves upon argumentation and debate skills, as debate is a key component of an MUN conference. Finally (but not only), MUN engraves the understanding of issues, ranging from global politics all the way up to local politics, into your mind, which in effect creates a smarter demographic for our country.

Who participated in MUN?

Many people, ranging from celebrities to actual world leaders, participated in the Model United Nations program. Celebrities such as Rainn Wilson from *The Office* as the famous Dwight Schrute, A-List actor Samuel L. Jackson, and Ryan Seacrest, host of *American Idol*, all have participated in MUN. Many notable leaders in politics like Supreme Court Justices, many current United Nations Secretary Generals, and International ambassadors thrive upon their experience from their MUN past. Could you be the person that changes our nation for the better?

What is the first step?

Research should be the most important step in preparing for your conference. You need to grasp on the information of the country you represent and its position the topic you have received. It is also good to understand the UN committee you are participating in.

What is the attire for an MUN conference?

Dress for success! The attire for Model United Nations is Western Business Attire. The minimum attire for our conference is for men, collar and tie. For women, dress skirts or pants is also acceptable or business dresses. Heels are not necessary.

What is a position paper?

Although not required for Murrieta Mesa MUN, position papers contain the basic necessities of your country's stance on your assigned topic as well as possible solutions to combat the issues of your topic. Most conferences, especially those for advanced delegates, will require these papers to be turned in several days or weeks in advance. However, if one is required, your chairs will tell you their desired format and key issues to pinpoint.

How do I treat other delegates in an MUN conference?

MUN is less of a debate and more of a polite political discussion. You are allowed to disagree with other countries, but if you do just remember to be respectful and keep decorum (politeness) in your disputes. Additionally, alliances are also encouraged with others to form strong resolution groups at the end of the conference.

What do I do in an MUN conference?

On our website is another document outlining rules and procedures that should cover everything necessary for understanding necessary information during the actual conference. But to brief, most of the actions needed by every delegate are giving speeches, working well with others, and participating with reasonable information and creative resolutions.

What procedures do I follow in an MUN conference?

These will also be on the outline of procedures on that same document discussed above. They will go in detail so that you can better understand the specifics of the committee.