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Mr. Speaker's **for a day**

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If you were an MLA ...

Have you ever wondered what a typical day in the life of a Member of the Legislative Assembly involves? Here's your chance to find out.

Apply for Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day program at the Alberta Legislature and if chosen, you could be one of 83 Alberta students who have the opportunity to meet their Member of the Legislative Assembly and participate in a two-day interactive seminar. This program is designed to give you and other high school students the chance to learn how MLAs act as lawmakers and community representatives.

While you're here...

If chosen, you'll observe the Assembly in session and participate in briefing sessions with the Speaker, Hon. Ken Kowalski; MLAs; officers of the Legislative Assembly; and others who work in the legislative environment. You'll find out what it's like to consider diverse points of view when making decisions on provincial issues, and you'll see how the MLA from your constituency handles the job. You'll also have the rare opportunity to participate with other students in a lively debate in the Legislature Chamber. Students will:

- tour the Legislature building
- meet the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- visit their MLA's legislature office
- debate a resolution in the Legislative Assembly Chamber
- observe Oral Question Period and be introduced to the Assembly
- attend briefing sessions with Officers of the Legislature and procedural experts
- dine with MLAs, Legislative Assembly Officers and members of the Royal Canadian Legion
- have fun and get to know other young Albertans.

Who can apply?

If you are a senior high school student in the province of Alberta you may apply.

When Is It?

The program typically runs each spring; however, specific dates are not available until late January and are posted on the Legislative Assembly website.

What does it cost?

This program is free and includes all meals and one night's accommodation. Participants from outside the Edmonton area will be reimbursed by the Legislative Assembly Office for either the cost of bus travel or for gas (receipts required).

Where do I stay?

Program participants stay at a three star hotel. Students are assigned two to a room in separate, chaperoned living areas for males and females. Legion chaperones will meet out-of-town students arriving at a bus depot and will escort them to and from the bus depot to the hotel. Parents are welcome to stay at the same hotel but must make their own hotel accommodations.

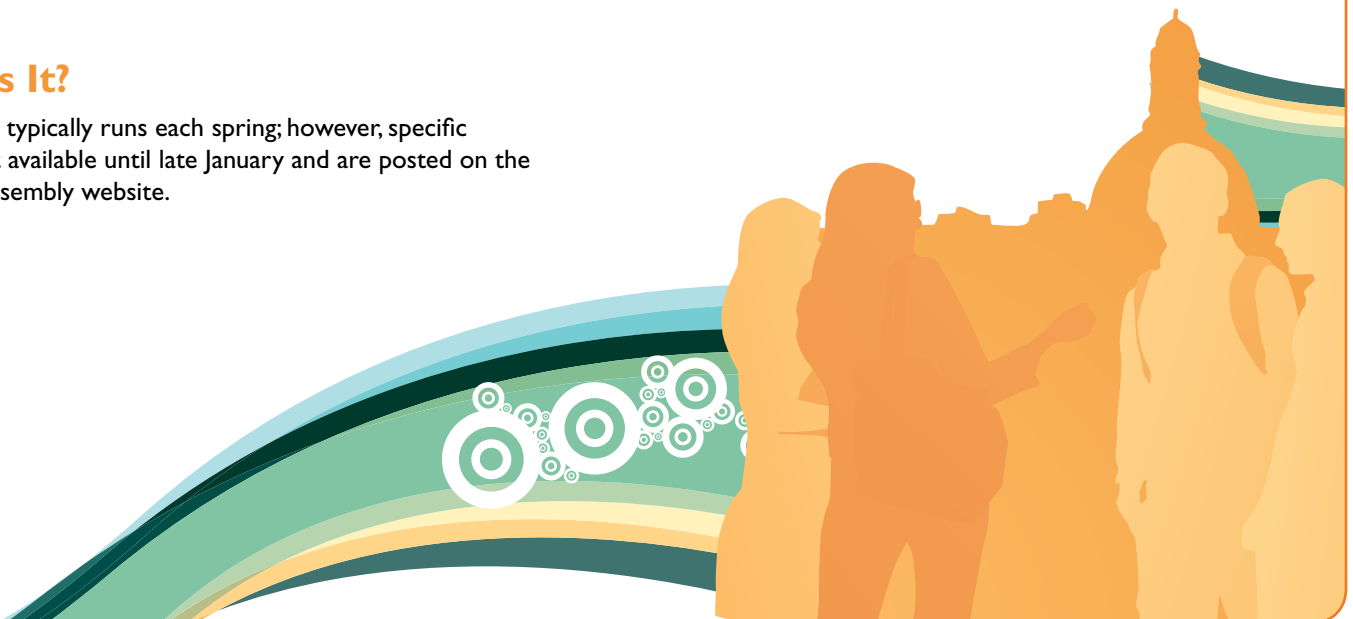
How do I apply?

1. Fill out the attached form and mail or fax it to the address below.
2. Have your parent or guardian sign the attached release form.
3. Complete a personal response to the question, "Why do you want to attend MLA for a Day and how would you be a good candidate?" (max. 100 words)

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To find out more about your MLA, check out the MLA biographies on the website: www.assembly.ab.ca



Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day

Have you attended MLA for a Day in previous years? _____ yes/no Year attended: _____

Contact Information (please print)

Name: _____ Gender _____

Address: _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Name of the high school you attend: _____

Name of the constituency you live in:* _____

(Must be signed by parent or legal guardian)

I hereby grant permission for

_____ to apply to Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day and, if selected, to attend the full program at the Legislature in Edmonton. I understand that while some supervision is provided, students are responsible for their actions. I am aware that students will be provided with meals and transportation to and from program events in Edmonton. I also authorize all material related to this application to be released to MLAs and Legislative Assembly staff. I further authorize any official photography, videotaping and/or television broadcasting of activities related to this event to include my son or daughter, if he or she is selected to be a participant, and acknowledge and consent to the use of any resulting material as part of the Legislative Assembly website and any subsequent advertising or promotion related to the event. Finally, I permit the release of my son's or daughter's name, telephone number and address to MLAs and other program participants as necessary to facilitate his/her participation. If selected, my son or daughter is committed to attending all program events and will notify the organizers if he or she is unable to attend.

The personal information provided by applicants on this form is collected pursuant to s. 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information will be used for the purpose of co-coordinating the MLA for a Day program, including the selection of participants, arranging accommodation, transportation and activities and contacting participants about the events. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact the Educational Programs Co-coordinator.

I hereby give my approval for the above mentioned to attend Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day Program in Edmonton, Alberta and I am satisfied with the precautions being taken for the health and safety of the above mentioned.

Signature of applicant: _____ Home/Cell (____) _____

Signature of Parent/legal guardian) _____ Home/Cell (____) _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

*Note: If you do not know which provincial constituency you live in, check the Legislative Assembly website or call Legislature information at 780 427-2826.

Complete the questionnaire and submit it to the Visitor Services office along with your 100-word personal response. Be sure to add your name to the personal response page. Acceptance into the program and detailed information packages will be mailed to successful applicants once the event date has been confirmed.