

BERKELEY MODEL UNITED NATIONS EVENTS GUIDE



Dear Advisors, Delegates, and Visitors,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to formally invite you to the Seventy-First Session of Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN), which will be held from March 3rd to 5th, 2023.

Founded by a small group of UC Berkeley students in 1952, BMUN is an organization rooted in pedagogy and diplomacy while also cultivating an environment for constructive discourse. For over seventy years, BMUN has upheld its legacy by encouraging students to expand their worldviews, providing an inclusive learning space with international perspectives, and creating an educational experience that helps students find their voice. As we continue to grow as an educational nonprofit, our diverse and dedicated Secretariat continues to orchestrate one of the largest Model United Nations conferences in the world, bolstered by our philanthropic mission and outreach initiatives throughout the year.

As the oldest Model UN club in the world, we firmly believe that the skills and experiences gained through Model UN have an incredible capacity to empower high school students. Our successful return to an in-person conference in the past year not only demonstrated our ability to provide an educational experience, but also to maintain the health and safety of our attendees. As we strive to increase accessibility and utilize alternative mediums of education, I am excited to announce that we will be continuing our virtual outreach sessions throughout the year and expanding opportunities like Delegate Workshop and our premier crisis-focused Fall Conference.

Our commitment to excellence exists in every facet of our organization and conference. I'm excited to announce that BMUN LXXI will feature a brand new slate of 19 head chairs and committees that engage with a wide variety of thought-provoking world issues, such as the first-ever World Biopharmaceutical Forum, the return of the International Court of Justice, and historical crises in the form of The 1960 Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and The Qing Grand Council. Next year will also see the return of some of our most intriguing committees such as the bilingual Spanish-English Organization of American States, the ever-complex Joint Cabinet Crisis on the Algerian War, the traveling Press Corps, and the THIMUN-styled UN Human Rights Council and UN Environment Programme. These are only a few of our committees that will stand alongside our traditional General Assembly and create unique and dynamic learning opportunities.

Additional information regarding our conference, our organization, and our year-round programs can be found at our website, bmun.org, which will be constantly updated with further details.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of our conference, organization, and educational mission. I hope to see you at BMUN LXXI!

Sincerely,

Jenny Zhang

Secretary-General

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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

WHY BMUN...

Berkeley Model United Nations is the longest-running MUN conference in the world. In addition to our trademark Conference held in Spring, which is attended by over 2000 delegates, we provide a holistic learning experience throughout the year by conducting other key events such as Delegate Workshop and Fall Conference. Over the years BMUN has successfully created an environment that cultivates values of cooperation, integrity, and solidarity among participating delegates. Our events showcase a broad range of topics and procedures which allow students to develop a variety of skills and interests. Behind the scenes, we have a group of successful college students who aspire to create a welcoming environment for high school students and make their voices heard. Chairs work together to create a comprehensive topic for students to debate, which includes months of preparation and dedication. We support students to find their element and become confident public speakers and thinkers.

NOTE TO ADVISORS

The BMUN Events Guide covers information contained previously in the annual pre-conference Advisor Guide. It addresses the key events held by Berkeley Model United Nations. These include:

- Delegate Workshop held in October 2022
- Fall Conference, previously known as Berkeley Model Arab League (BMAL), held in November 2022
- Annual BMUN Conference held in March 2023

This master guide will help you register for Delegate Workshop, Fall Conference, and BMUN LXXI, our annual Spring conference. All events are scheduled to take in person at the UC Berkeley campus. Announcements will be made through the mailing list and our website if local and national COVID-19, monkeypox, and other public health conditions necessitate a transition to an online format. More details will be released upon registration for each event to assist you with the event

schedule and other details. For more information, email info@bmun.org.

NEW ADVISORS:

If this is your first time attending Delegate Workshop, Fall Conference, or the Berkeley Model United Nations Conference, fill out this form to be added to our mailing list. BMUN announcements will then be disseminated through our mailings.

Advisors will be able to register their teams from the date that registration opens until the last date to register. Each event requires the submission of the registration form and any associated payments to complete the registration for your team. Teams will then receive a confirmation of registration.

For Fall Conference and the BMUN Conference, advisors will receive an email invoice from Quickbooks accounting system to pay their fees online. Please see the Payment Options section for more information on how to pay these fees. Remember to keep a copy of all materials and checks sent to BMUN.

RETURNING ADVISORS:

An email was sent out this summer to verify the contact information provided for your school in our database. This is so we can keep up-to-date information on our schools to distribute our email mailings to appropriate individuals. If you would no longer like to receive information regarding BMUN, please fill out this contact removal form and forward the contact verification form to the appropriate parties. Some events that may warrant updating the information may include, but are not limited to: the retirement of a faculty advisor, graduation of a student head delegate, and dissolution of a MUN program.

Advisors will be able to register their teams from the date that registration opens until the last date to register. Each event requires the submission of the registration form and any associated payments to complete the registration for your team. Teams will then receive a confirmation of registration.

For Fall Conference and the BMUN Conference, advisors will receive an email invoice from Quick-books accounting system to pay their fees online. Please see the Payment Options section for more information on how to pay these fees. Remember to keep a copy of all materials and checks sent to BMUN.

This year, many changes have been made which are detailed in this guide, including additional registration policies and fees for the BMUN conference and improvements made to the Alumni Scholar-

ship. Please read the entire document carefully to make note of these changes and plan accordingly.

TIMELINE

8/15

- Registration Opens for DW Rolling
- Registration Opens for FC Round 1

9/16

Registration Closes for FC Round 1

9/17

Registration Opens for FC Round 2 (Final Round)

9/19

- Registration Opens for BMUN 71 Round 1
- Application for Alumni Scholarship Opens

9/23

Country Assignments released for FC round 1

10/7

- Registration Closes for DW
- Registration Closes for FC Round 2 (Last day to register for FC)
- Registration Closes for BMUN Round 1
 - Round 1 School Fee Deadline

10/8

Registration Opens for BMUN Round 2

10/14

Country Assignments released for FC Round 2

10/15

Delegate Workshop

10/21

BMUN Round 1 Country Assignments released

10/28

BMUN Round 1 Delegate Fee deadline

11/4

- Registration closes for BMUN Round 2
 - Round 2 School Fee deadline

11/5

• Registration opens for BMUN Round 3

11/12-13

Fall Conference

11/18

• BMUN Round 2 Country Assignments released

11/25

BMUN Round 2 Delegate Fee deadline

12/9

- Registration for BMUN Round 3 closes
 - Round 3 School Fee deadline
- Alumni Scholarship Application and Recommendation Due

12/10

• Registration opens for BMUN Round 4 (Final Round)

12/30

BMUN Round 3 Country Assignments released

1/6

- Alumni Scholarship Awardees Announced
- BMUN Round 3 Delegate Fee deadline
- BMUN Round 4 closes (Last day to register for BMUN 71)

1/20

BMUN Round 4 Country Assignments released

1/27

- BMUN Round 4 Delegate Fee deadline
- BMUN 71 full refund deadline

2/3

• Waiver for BMUN 71 Opens

2/4

• Position Paper Deadline 1

2/10

• BMUN 71 partial refund deadline

2/11

• Position Paper Deadline 2

3/2

• Waiver for BMUN 71 Due

3/3-3/5

• BMUN 71 Conference

In sections II, III, and IV, you may find the full timeline and calendar of deadlines for each event. Please be sure to note all of the deadlines listed below, including all post-registration tasks, to be prepared for each event.

SECTION II: DELEGATE WORKSHOP

OUTREACH WELCOME & FORMAT

Hello everyone!

My name is Nadia Kazempoor, and I have the great pleasure of serving as the Under-Secretary-General of Outreach and Education for Berkeley Model United Nations' 71st Session! My mission is to make Model UN accessible to all students and foster skills that will last beyond the conference room. I am so excited to lead our initiatives throughout this upcoming year and look forward to representing BMUN's mission of prioritizing education and outreach.

I am honored to formally invite you to attend Delegate Workshop on October 15th, 2022. Led by our experienced Secretariat, our curriculum will be categorized into Novice, Advanced, Crisis, and Chair Training courses. Students will have the opportunity to enhance their Model UN skills in small groups and participate in a simulation in preparation for larger conferences. Our 2022 curriculum offers workshops on Novice MUN procedure, Advanced MUN Procedure, Crisis Training, and Chair Training, all led by our experienced and capable Secretariat.

We are dedicated to developing your clubs and helping students reach their full potential. If you have any questions and/or suggestions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at outreach@bmun.org. I look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

Nadia Kazempoor

Nadia Kazempoor

Under-Secretary-General of Outreach and Education Berkeley Model United Nations | 71st Session outreach@bmun.org

REGISTRATION

To attend Delegate Workshop '22, please fill out this form, which will be open starting August 15, 2022 through October 7, 2022. An advisor must fill out a form to register their entire team.

The form asks you about your school's MUN program and your interest in BMUN, along with logistical details for DW. These include the number of participants in the Novice, Advanced, Crisis, and Chair Training sections.

Please note that Delegate Workshop is an IN-PERSON event at the UC Berkeley campus. Prior to the event, participants must submit a waiver to release Berkeley Model United Nations of any liability related to the event.

Delegate Workshop does NOT require any registration or attendance fees.

For more information regarding registration, please contact info@bmun.org.

REGISTRATION ROUNDS:

REGISTRATION
OPENS:
AUGUST 15

REGISTRATION
CLOSES:
OCTOBER 7

SECTION III: FALL CONFERENCE

EVENTS WELCOME LETTER

Hello everyone,

My name is Vaishik Kota and I am the Under-Secretary-General of Events for BMUN's 71st session. This year, I have the honor of serving as the Secretary-General for the second iteration of Berkeley Model United Nations' Fall Conference (FC II). My goal for FC is to introduce delegates to crisis committees; teaching them how to critically think on their feet and work together to solve issues in the past and the present. I would like to formally invite all of you to Fall Conference this year, which will be held here at UC Berkeley on November 12th and 13th. We plan to have 4 crisis committees, spanning across 2 days of lively debate. The conference is open to delegates with all levels of Model UN experience. FC was created last year to empower more delegates to be introduced to crisis and to sharpen the skills of those already immersed in the style of debate.

Berkeley Model United Nations strives to make the delegate experience as welcoming and supportive as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at events@bmun.org. We hope to see you all at Fall Conference II this year!

Best,

Vaishik Kota

Under-Secretary-General of Events

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REGISTRATION

To attend Fall Conference '22, please fill out this form. An advisor must fill out a form to register their entire team. Registration for Fall Conference will take place in two rounds:

- 1. Round 1: August 15 September 16, 2022
- 2. Round 2: September 17 October 7, 2022

The form asks you to select your committee preferences. Our team will try our best to ensure that your preferences are matched to the best of our ability. Committee and country assignments will be made available for each round after a week of the last day of the registration round. You will be considered fully registered and receive country assignments when you submit your registration

application, school fee, and delegate fees before the end of your registration round. Submitting the registration form and completing associated payments by the Round 1 deadline will allow delegates to get their assignments earlier and have more time to prepare for the conference.

Please note that Fall Conference is an IN-PERSON event at the UC Berkeley campus. Prior to the event, participants must submit a waiver to release Berkeley Model United Nations of any liability related to the event.

For more information regarding registration, please contact info@bmun.org.

FEES AND PAYMENT

Costs of attending the Fall Conference include:

- A \$30 school fee, due by the end of the registration round
- A \$30 delegate fee per student, due by the end of the registration round

BMUN is dedicated to giving as many delegates the opportunity to participate in our conference as possible. Fall Conference fees will go towards securing the event venues, which have unfortunately become more restricted and more expensive, and ensure that BMUN can continue to provide a wide range of committees at total capacity. For more transparency on the rise in costs for BMUN operations and how you can help, visit our website here.

Payment Options:

- Online: Quickbooks is BMUN's accounting system. We record all payments and invoices through this system, whether we receive your payment in the form of a check or online. All invoices for school fees and delegate fees will be sent through this system.
 - After you register, you will be emailed an invoice from QuickBooks prompting you to make your payment for the school and delegate fees, via QuickBooks Payments. Quickbooks accepts all major credit and debit cards (please note that a 2.9% processing fee is assessed for payments made by card). Please check your spam folder if you did not receive the email. If you have any trouble paying online, please email treasurer@bmun.org.
- Check: All checks should be made payable to "Berkeley Model United Nations", include the invoice number, and be addressed to the following address:

Berkeley Model United Nations PO Box 4306 Berkeley, CA 94704 United States of America

Please note that if you do choose to pay by check, the check must be postmarked by the payment due date that you are supposed to meet. Please verify that your check is addressed to the correct address above to ensure timely processing of your payment and registration steps.

<u>Drop & Refund Policy:</u>

A full refund may be granted if requested before the closing of the round for which you registered. No refunds will be granted past your round closing date.

Registration application submitted between	All fees due by:	Deadline to request a refund:
Round 1: 8/15 - 9/16	9/16	9/16
Round 2: 9/17 - 10/7	10/7	10/7

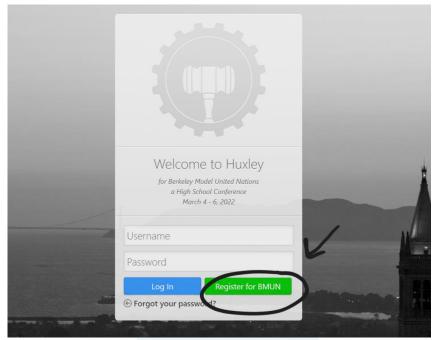
All requests to drop or reduce the delegation size for any refund must be communicated via email to events@bmun.org.





SECTION IV: BMUN CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS



The registration form must be completed by the MUN program advisor, who will be the primary contact person for conference communications and registration updates.

- 1. Go to bmun.org and click on the "Registration" button at the top right of the home page during the registration period from September 19, 2022 through January 6, 2023.
 - a. Alternatively, you can navigate to Huxley directly via huxley.bmun.org
- 2. Click on the green "Register for BMUN" button
- 3. Complete the Account Information section
 - a. This will set up the username and password for the advisor Huxley account used to manage your registration and delegation information until conference
- 4. Complete the School Information section
- 5. Complete the Program Information section
 - a. Is MUN a club or a class at your school?
 - b. How many beginner, intermediate, and advanced delegates will you bring to BMUN this year?
 - i. Beginner: Attended 0-3 conferences, not very familiar with MUN
 - ii. Intermediate: Attended 4-7 conferences, little to no practice in advanced committees
 - iii. Advanced: Attended more than 7 conferences, and has participated in many diverse committees
- 6. Complete the Primary and Secondary Contact Information section
 - a. The Primary Contact should be the person who is filling out the form and creating the account

- b. While the Secondary Contact is not required, we recommend teams provide one for instances where the Primary Contact cannot be reached
- c. Both the Primary and Secondary contacts will be receiving the same communication from our Secretariat
- d. At least one contact must be the designated faculty or club advisor
- e. Please note that only listed contacts will receive Advisor Credentials at the conference. All attendees are required to have a delegate or advisor credential. As such, please list the name and contacts of all adult chaperones that will be attending the conference with your delegation. You will be able to edit this information after submitting the registration form. Please contact info@bmun.org before the conference if you plan on bringing other guests.

7. Complete the Country Preference section

- a. Rank the top 10 countries that your school would like to represent at BMUN LXXI
- b. We recommend you and your team take a look at our list of committees on our website at bmun.org under the BMUN LXXI tab
- c. Please note that country preference does not guarantee country assignment
- 8. Fill in the Special Committee Preference
 - a. In this section, advisors will have the opportunity to select their preferences for our Specialized and Crisis committees
 - b. We recommend you and your team take a look at our list of committees on bmun.org under the BMUN LXXI tab
 - c. Please note that preference selection does not guarantee assignment as spaces are very limited
- 9. Select method of payment
 - a. Please disclose whether you will pay online via credit card or mail a check to pay your School and Delegate fees. Further details on the fees associated with attending BMUN LXXI are detailed below in the Fees and Payment section of the Events Guide
 - b. After completing your registration form, you will receive invoices for your School and Delegate fees. You will not be asked to pay the fees at this time when submitting the registration form
 - c. If you wish to change the payment method after submission of the registration form, please email the treasurer at treasurer@bmun.org
- 10. Click on the green "Register" button when the above steps have been completed

HUXLEY GUIDE AND MANAGEMENT AFTER REGISTRATION

If there is a change in the number of delegates, please communicate the change by emailing info@ bmun.org with the following information:

- 1. School Name
- 2. Nature of change in delegate size
- 3. Updated number of delegates by beginner, intermediate, and advanced level
- 4. Changes in Spanish or Chinese-bilingual delegates if applicable

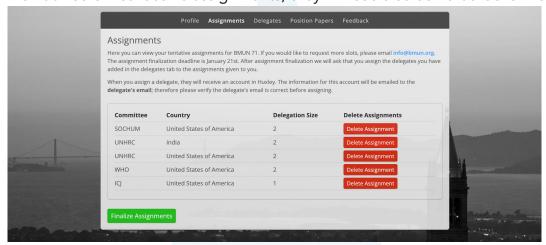
Example:

This is _(name)_ from __ High School. We would like to change our delegation size from _(#)_ to _(#)_ students, bringing us to a total of _(#)_ beginner, _(#)_ intermediate, and _(#)_ advanced delegates. (Mention change in bilingual students if applicable).

Delegations will receive country assignments on the assignment release date of their respective registration round. Advisors can allocate assignments to specific delegates on the Assignments page after country assignments are given out. Please finalize the assignment roster by the respective round deadlines:

Advisor action items after receiving country assignments:

- 1. Finalize Assignments
 - a. When advisors first receive assignments, they will see a screen that looks like this:



- b. If there are fewer delegates attending the conference than when you first registered, please delete unwanted assignments until only the assignments that will be taken up by your students remain.
- c. Please confirm your assignments and hit "Finalize Assignments" to move on to the next step
- 2. Input and assign student delegate names to finalized assignments
 - a. Once you add a delegate, they will be given a delegate account, which will allow them to submit position papers, receive feedback on their position papers, and provide feedback to their chairs
 - b. You may add, edit, and delete delegates from the same page
- 3. Complete payment for delegate fees
 - a. Details regarding payment can be found in the Fees and Payment section below

On the Delegates page, you can manage your delegates and view whether they have submitted their position papers and waivers. You can also edit their names and emails.

If you wish to make changes to contact information, you can navigate through Huxley to make the following changes:

- 1. Advisor Information
 - a. First name, last name
- 2. School Information
 - a. Address, city, zip
- 3. Primary Contact Information
 - a. Name, email, phone
- 4. Secondary Contact Information
 - a. Name, email, phone

HUXLEY FUNCTIONS DURING AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE

Advisors can view delegates' position papers, graded papers, and scores on Huxley. To do so, navigate to the Position Papers page. As soon as delegations submit papers, they will be available for advisors to view. Once papers are graded, scores and a download button for graded papers will be displayed.

Attendance information for delegations will be tracked through Huxley. Comments and post-conference feedback for delegates may be entered per each head chair's discretion. To view this, navigate to the Feedback page.

FEES AND PAYMENT

Cost of attending BMUN LXXI includes:

- A \$60 school fee, due by the end of your registration round
- An \$85 delegate fee per student. The due date for each round is noted on the chart available on page 21.

BMUN is dedicated to giving as many delegates the opportunity to participate in our conference as possible. BMUN LXXI fees will go towards securing event venues, which have unfortunately become more restricted and more expensive, and ensure that BMUN can continue to provide a wide range of committees at total capacity. For more transparency on the rise in costs for BMUN operations and how you can help, visit our website here. BMUN is still dedicated to ensuring that financial barriers do not obstruct delegates from attending our conference, and we encourage delegates to apply for our Alumni Scholarship, detailed below, if the fees present a financial burden.

Payment Options:

Online Instructions:

Payment can be made online via QuickBooks Payments. Quickbooks accepts all major credit and debit cards (please note that a 2.9% processing fee is assessed for payments made by card). Please check your spam folder if you did not receive the email. If you have any trouble paying online, please email treasurer@bmun.org.

• Check Instructions:

All checks should be made payable to "Berkeley Model United Nations", include the invoice number, and be addressed to the following address:

Berkeley Model United Nations PO Box 4306 Berkeley, CA 94704 United States of America

Please note that if you do choose to pay by check, the check must be postmarked by the payment due date that you are supposed to meet. Please verify that your check is addressed to the correct address above to ensure timely processing of your payment and registration steps.

Late Registration Policy:

In the event that a delegation requests a late registration of a delegate or an entire delegation (school) after the final round closes on January 6, 2023, if space permits, the request will be granted with additional fees. The fees for late registration are as follows:

- Adding an extra delegate to an existing delegation:
 - Per delegate: Late registration fee of \$10 + Delegate fee of \$85
- Registering an entire new delegation:
 - Late school registration fee of \$10 + School fee of \$60
 - Per delegate: Late registration fee of \$10 + Delegate fee of \$85

Please note, no exceptions can be made to the late registration deadline and normal drop and refund policies apply for late registrations. If you wish to register late, please email info@bmun.org to inquire about space availability in our conference.

Drop & Refund Policy:

The school deposit fee of \$60 is non-refundable.

A full refund on delegate fees may be granted if requested by January 27, 2023.

A partial refund on delegate fees may be granted if requested by February 10, 2023.

All requests to drop or reduce the delegation size for any refund must be communicated via email to info@bmun.org.

BMUN Double Delegation Policy:

For BMUN committees that offer double delegation (two students from the same school representing one country), the delegate fee is \$85 for each student, for a total of \$170 for the double delegation.

If one of the students in a double delegation must drop, please follow our policy below:

- 1. If you can immediately identify another student to replace the dropping student, the change may be processed free of charge. Please communicate the change in delegates to info@bmun. org.
- 2. If another student is not immediately available to replace your dropped student, our standard refund policy will apply to the dropped student. The refund can only be processed if the request is submitted via email by the refund deadline. The remaining student in the double delegation assignment will represent the double delegation alone in committee.
 - a. Changes to assignments cannot be made in this case as it will impact the delegate's conference preparation and the capacity of each committee.

Late Payment Fees:

To ensure that the registration process moves forward and that we are able to confirm the final attendees of the conference to best make preparations for BMUN LXXI, a late fee will be assessed to delegations who fail to make their school and delegate fee payments by the designated due dates

of their registration round. Each fee will only be assessed once during all registration phases. If your school selected to pay online, an updated school or delegate fee invoice will be sent to include the late fee. If you are paying by check, you may add the late fee amount to the total and include a note with the payment breakdown.

School Fee:

Your registration application will not be considered complete until your school fee payments are made. If your school fee is not paid by the last registration date for the round in which you submitted the registration application, your delegation will be assessed a \$10 late fee and your application will be moved to the next registration round.

For example, if you submitted your registration application via Huxley on 10/1/22, you will be placed in round 1. If you fail to make your school fee payment by the round 1 school fee deadline of 10/7/22, your registration will be pushed to round 2 and you will now owe a total of \$70 (\$10 late fee + \$60 school fee). In this case, the date for which you will receive country assignments will get pushed back as well from the round 1 date on 10/21/22 to the round 2 date on 11/18/22.

Delegate Fee:

The late fee on delegate fees is dependent on the delegation size at the time of the delegate fee deadline. In addition to the late fee, your delegation may face forfeiture of their country assignments if delegate fees are not paid by the deadline. The total delegate fee amount for delegations with overdue fees are as follows:

- Delegation registered for 15 or fewer students:
 - [\$10 late fee assessed to the delegation overall] + [\$85 per delegate]
- Delegation registered for 16-20 students:
 - [\$20 late fee assessed to the delegation overall] + [\$85 per delegate]
- Delegation registered for more than 20 students:
 - [\$30 late fee assessed to the delegation overall] + [\$85 per delegate]

Please reference the figure below to identify your due date to make the delegate fee payment:

Registration period (Registration application submitted on Huxley between)	Delegate Fee Due (no late fee assessed if payment made prior to the due date)
Round 1: 9/19 - 10/7	10/28
Round 2: 10/8 - 11/4	11/25
Round 3: 11/5 - 12/9	1/6
Round 4: 12/10 - 1/6	1/27

If your delegation is having difficulties making the payments on time, please contact treasurer@bmun.org ahead of time to communicate your situation for potential waiver of the late fees.

BMUN 71 KEY REGISTRATION DATES

REGISTRATION PERIOD

(Registration application submitted on Huxley between..)

SCHOOL FEE DUE

(No late fee assessed if payment made before the due date)

COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS RELEASED

DELEGATE FEE DUE

(Input delegate names on Huxley; no late fee assessed if payment made before the due date)

ROUND 1:

SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 7

OCTOBER 7

OCTOBER 21

OCTOBER 28

ROUND 2:

OCTOBER 8 - NOVEMBER 4

NOVEMBER 4

NOVEMBER 18

NOVEMBER 25

ROUND 3:

NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 9

DECEMBER 9

DECEMBER 30

JANUARY 6

ROUND 4:

DECEMBER 10 - JANUARY 6

JANUARY 6

JANUARY 20

JANUARY 27

A full refund on delegate fees may be granted if requested by **January 27, 2023**. A partial refund on delegate fees may be granted if requested by **February 10, 2023**

CONFERENCE CAUSE

This year for BMUN LXXI, we have decided to implement a conference theme to encompass our conference cause. Seeing as BMUN is, first and foremost, an education non-profit, I felt it was fitting that this year's theme is "The importance of education in marginalized communities". Coming out of a pandemic, it is clear that the lives of low-income residents in the Bay Area have been impacted the most. Negligence of education in these communities devastates the chances of the youth achieving their dream careers. That is why I am happy to announce that this year we are partnering with City of Dreams.

City of Dreams' mission is to help the youth living in San Francisco's low-income housing communities build brighter futures through mentorship and youth development. A bold vision guides us: to end the generational cycle of poverty in our city's most challenged neighborhoods.

Since 2004, City of Dreams has served over 4,000 marginalized youth ages 8+ living in Bayview's public housing with enrichment programs that empower youth to discover their potential. Our program targets youth from low socioeconomic backgrounds and youth from historically marginalized groups. We offer 3 core programs to help empower our youth: Mentorship & Youth development including our group Super Saturday enrichment field trips and 1:1 mentor matching, health & after-school/summer wellness gardening (Earn2Learn), and Ground Zero life skills and wellness course for teens. Our programs aim to help marginalized youth discover their potential and break the repetitive cycle of poverty, gang violence, and drugs they are confined to in their neighborhoods. Our goal is to show them there is more to life by exposing them to different adventures and opportunities that can help them build an open mindset about the world.



City of Dreams and Sameer Ameen, Under-Secretary-General of Organizations and Philanthropy Berkeley Model United Nations | 71st Session ops@bmun.org

DISCOUNTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Traveling to Berkeley:

We are happy to continue our existing partnerships with Delta, United, and Enterprise this year to accommodate all those who are planning to fly to our conference or rent vehicles while in the Bay Area. More information will be provided on our website and mailings as details of the partnerships are confirmed.

Accommodations:

We will have room blocks and discounted rates at various hotels in the Oakland and Berkeley area. Please look out for this in our website and mailings.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The BMUN Secretariat is committed to ensuring that no delegate is excluded from BMUN due to financial constraints. As such, our Alumni Scholarship allocates \$13,000 in financial aid to low-income students. Students can apply for this assistance to cover part of the cost of attending BMUN, including delegate fees, transportation, and hotel costs. The application will be considered on a delegate-basis for one student. For BMUN LXXI, we have made significant changes to our scholarship program by incorporating past feedback in an effort to make our conference more accessible than ever. All students in need are strongly encouraged to apply.

In the application, we ask for information that demonstrates the student's need for financial aid. All information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will be used only for financial aid purposes.

In order for a scholarship application to be considered complete and for a delegate to be considered for financial aid, both the student application and the School Advisor Recommendation form must be submitted by December 9th, 2022. Applications open on September 19, 2022, and will be evaluated on a rolling basis. As such, we recommend that students submit an application as early as possible to allow sufficient time to finalize their travel plans. Upon submission of the application, please expect to hear back within two to three weeks. Awardees will then be contacted via email for instructions on how to receive the aid. Once the application closes, all decisions will be made by January 6th, 2023.

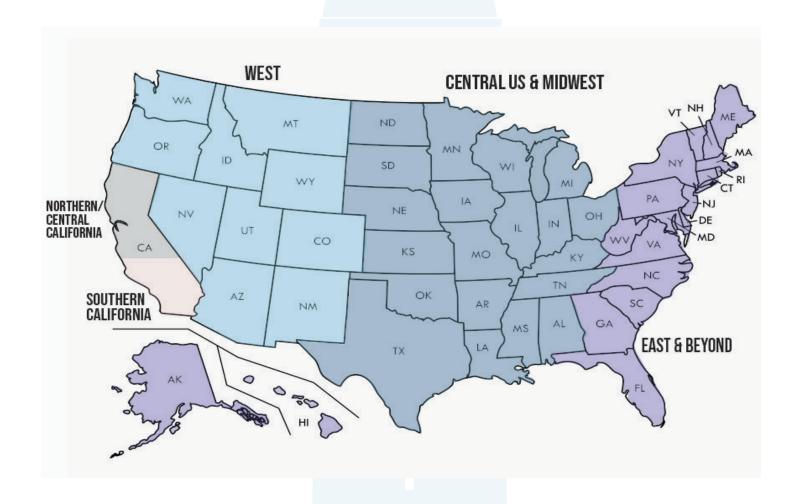
Please note that while in the past, the Alumni Scholarship was given out via reimbursements, this year, a predetermined sum calculated based on travel distance will be disbursed to awardees before conference instead. The category for which you qualify will be determined based on your school address zip code and state. Award amounts for International students will be calculated on the basis of distance in miles from Berkeley. The amounts are listed on the following page.

Further details are outlined in the scholarship application. The Alumni Scholarship Application and School Advisor Recommendation Form can be accessed on our website at bmun.org/alumni-scholarship. If you have any questions about the Alumni Scholarship, please contact our Treasurer, Sora Kanosue, at treasurer@bmun.org.

If you wish to support the Alumni Scholarship, please consider donating to BMUN through Amazon Smile. If you buy anything on Amazon, you have the option of having Amazon donate 0.5% of your purchase to Berkeley Model United Nations, an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All the donations will go directly to our Alumni Scholarship program to further subsidize low-income students to attend BMUN LXXI. If you would like to help, visit Smile.Amazon.com and select Berkeley Model United Nations as your organization. As the donation will be made by Amazon, your action will benefit our program and students at no cost to you.

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REGION & MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT		
Northern California	\$385	
Southern California	\$585	
Out of State – West, within 1100 mi.	\$635	
Out of State – Central & Midwest, within 2200 mi.	\$685	
Out of State – East & Beyond, over 2200 mi.	\$735	



APPENDIX: GLOSSARY

Head Delegate | The head delegate is generally the president or secretary general of each Model UN team that attends our conference. This delegate is generally the delegate that attends registration with advisors and the Head Chair meeting on the second day of the conference.

Huxley | Our registration application and conference tool for advisors, delegates, and the BMUN secretariat created by Kunal Mehta, Under-Secretary-General of Technology, BMUN 60. See also 'Registration application'.

Liability waiver | A form that all delegates must complete online and submit to participate in the conference.

Mailing | The regular communication from the BMUN organization to advisors & head delegates of MUN teams all around the world. Mailings disseminate important information about the conference such as when registration opens, dates of deadlines, and changes to the new BMUN session.

Mailing list | The list of email addresses in our database that have subscribed to receive our mailings. If you would like to be added into our mailing list, please fill out this form.

Officer Corps | The fourteen members of the BMUN Secretariat appointed and elected to lead the new BMUN session. Each member of the officer board has a title that is specific to their duties. More description of each officer's duties can be found on our website, www.bmun.org, under the "Officer Corps" tab.

Position Papers | Papers that delegates are strongly encouraged to complete and submit on Huxley prior to conference. The position papers will respond to different prompts that are made by chairs for each committee that pertain to the committee's topics.

QuickBooks | Quickbooks is BMUN's accounting system- we record all payments and invoices through this system, whether we receive your payment in either a form of a check or online payment. All invoices for school fees and delegate fees will be sent through this system.

Registration application | The online platform on which advisors can submit their teams' information to register for the new Berkeley Model United Nations session.

Secretariat | The members of the Berkeley Model United Nations organization that run the conference and staff the committees as chairs.

Secretary-General | The title held by the principal administrator of Berkeley Model United Nations.

Under-Secretary-General | A title given to the officers of Berkeley Model United Nations that precedes the specific responsibility of the officer. Sometimes abbreviated to "USG".

Waiver | See also 'Liability waiver'.