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Naples Council on World Affairs

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Southwest Florida's Model United Nations celebrates 30+ years of inspiring thousands of local high school students about critical global issues. The program prepares the leaders of tomorrow by honing their research, writing, debate and diplomacy skills.





## **HOW SWFLMUN WORKS**

SWFLMUN student delegates from more than 18 local high schools study a variety of UN materials and procedures to prepare for the annual SWFLMUN conference, held at Florida Gulf Coast University each March. They study and practice, in-depth:

- The international policy agendas of UN member states
- UN topics of global interest
- Parliamentary procedure
- Specialized writing formats
- Role playing
- The diplomatic art of negotiation and compromise

At the conference, students maintain and defend the positions of their selected country. In this role playing, students work to identify common ground amidst diverse national interests.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 30+ years serving thousands of students from 18+ high schools in: Collier, Lee, and Charlotte counties.
- 300+ students per year compete in the SWFLMUN competition.
- Dozens of generous donors fund more than \$60,000+ in MUN scholarships each year.
- 50+ volunteer judges from NCWA participate in each annual competition.
- Countless dedicated MUN advisers, teachers and administrators lend their guidance at each high school.
- An army of SWFLMUN and FGCU academics, volunteers and staff manage the program.





## **GET INVOLVED**

- Donors: \$60,000+ in annual scholarship support comes from generous donors.
- Advisers: Training and coaching are available to high school advisers to start or improve MUN programs.
- Students: SWFLMUN competition participation is an impressive entry in a student's resume.
- Resources: Position paper and delegate guides help with preparation.
- Judges: Volunteers can apply to be judges for the March conference. Those selected will be trained.
- SWFLMUN Alumni: Recent graduates are recruited to be SWFLMUN chairs and cochairs.
- Want to get involved? Contact SWFLMUN@comcast.net