

## AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization or its activities on the basis of gender, race, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

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**The Carlsbad-Oceanside-  
Vista Branch of the  
American Association of  
University Women Presents**

# GovTrek





## What is GovTrek?

GovTrek is a project of the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista (COV) branch of the American Association of Women (AAUW), designed to encourage young high school women in their Junior or Senior year to pursue a career in public service.

### **What is AAUW?**

AAUW is a non-profit organization whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through education, research and advocacy.

The COV branch believes the opportunities for fulfilling this mission are at an optimum when women have a voice in shaping policies that affect women and girls.

*There will never be complete equality until women themselves make laws.*

*-Susan B. Anthony*

## How Does GovTrek Work?

GovTrek is an intense immersion into the real world of politics. Sessions will be led by current legislators and their staff members and will include hands-on exercises as part of each session.

The course consists of 6 sessions over 6 months (1 Saturday per month). Each session is 2 hours, with the first hour consisting of a presentation on the topic followed by an exercise related to that month's topic.

The course will culminate in a conference with a key-note speaker, two workshops and an election planned and carried out by the students.

Oh, and did we mention the summer internships?!

## The Sessions

- Politics 101
- So You Want to be a Lawyer?
  - Mock Trial Exercise
- How City Government Works
  - Problem-Solving Exercise
- How State Government Works
  - Legislation-writing Exercise
- How Fed'l Government Works
  - Foreign Policy Debate
- Not Ready for Prime Time?
  - Behind the Scenes Careers

## Who Should Participate

- Girls who want to learn more about pursuing a career in public service
- Girls who want to be part of the solution and enjoy decision-making

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