

# NATIONAL ONLINE DELIBERATIONS

## FAQS

This fall, Close Up, the Deliberative Democracy Lab at Stanford University (DDL), and the Generation Lab are joining forces to host free online deliberations for students nationwide. This opportunity is open to [high school](#) (October 25), [university](#) (October 26), and [middle school students](#) (December 6), giving them the chance to discuss pressing policy issues framing the 2024 election and hear from experts representing an array of backgrounds.

### What is the deadline to register for the national online deliberations?

The registration deadlines for the deliberations are as follows:

- High School: October 18 ([Register Here](#))
- University: October 19 ([Register Here](#))
- Middle School: December 2 ([Register Here](#))

### What policy topics will students discuss?

The policy areas students will cover during the deliberations are:

- High School: Social Media Policy
- University: Immigration Policy
- Middle School: Social Media Policy

### Will students receive briefing materials beforehand?

Yes. Briefing materials related to the policy topic will be sent to students prior to the deliberation. These materials will include an overview of the deliberation topic and the 6-8 policy proposals students will deliberate.

### What is the schedule for the afternoon?

Each online deliberation will begin promptly at 1pm EST. Students will engage in 60 minutes of deliberation followed by a Q&A with an expert policy panel with a variety of viewpoints and expertise. Each event will conclude at 3pm EST.

### What will students need to bring?

Students should have their own internet-connected device to access the online deliberation as well as a pair of headphones.

### How will students join the deliberation?

The day before the deliberation, students will receive a link via email that they will use to join the event.

### Is there a cost to participate in the deliberation?

No! These events are free for participants to join.

### Is there a way to observe the deliberation without participating?

Yes. Guest observers will be asked to complete [this form](#) noting their intent to observe and not participate. A link will then be sent for guest observers to join the deliberation.

### Will students receive anything after the deliberation?

Students who participate in a national online deliberation will be enrolled as a [Close Up Civic Ambassador](#). Through this initiative, they will receive tools, strategies, and support to organize their own civic engagement activities and continue to make a positive impact in their home communities.

### Who should I contact if I have questions?

Feel free to reach out to us by email at [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org) if you have any questions or need assistance with registration!