

Delegates of the U.S. Constitutional Convention

The **Young Elected Leaders Project (YELP)** studies and works with young people who run for public office. YELP research reveals that one of New Jersey's delegates, Jonathan Dayton, was the youngest delegate at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Eleven of the forty delegates who were age 35 or younger

Delegate	State	Age
Jacob Broom	Delaware	35
Gouverneur Morris	Pennsylvania	35
James McHenry	Maryland	34
Abraham Baldwin	Georgia	33
William Houston	Georgia	32
Rufus King	Massachusetts	32
Nicholas Gilman	New Hampshire	32
Alexander Hamilton	New York	30
Charles Pinckney	South Carolina	30
Richard Dobbs Spaight Sr.	North Carolina	29
Jonathan Dayton	New Jersey	27

About the Young Elected Leaders Project (YELP)

Originating in 2002 with funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Young Elected Leaders Project studies and works with young people who run for public office. For this project, Eagleton established a database of young elected officials; conducted a survey of young elected leaders regarding their background and leadership experience; convened a conference of young leaders in May 2003; and issued a report entitled *Political Generation Next: America's Young Elected Leaders*. Currently, YELP is led by Dr. Elizabeth Matto, assistant research professor and director of Eagleton's Youth Political Participation Program, working with a team of undergraduate researchers.

