

FWPMUN IV Position Paper Guide

As its name implies, a position paper is a written piece that outlines the position of your country or figure's views on each topic being discussed and provides you with an understanding of the international policy that you should be looking to create in committee. Please write a separate position for each topic that your committee is covering. Position papers representing a country should be written in third person; those representing an individual should be in first person.

At the top of your position paper, please include a header that is complete with your name, the name of the country or figure you are representing, the name of your committee, your school, and the topic the paper is covering. Delegates may choose to structure their papers as they wish, but are encouraged to consider these three points:

1. The relevant **historical background of your country (or historical figure) on the topic**
2. What, if anything, **your country (or historical figure) is doing currently with regards to the topic**
3. **What your country (or historical figure) proposes to do in the future** (i.e. at the conference) to deal with the problem.

We encourage you to recognize and reference relevant resolutions, declarations, and treaties as they will guide the work being done in your committee.

Please note that although each background guide includes "Questions to Consider," delegates **do not** need to actually answer each of these questions in their position papers (the questions are simply designed to get delegates thinking about their topic and guide their research).

Position papers at FWPMUN should be no more than **1 page in length and single-spaced with 12 point, Times New Roman font**. Please **cite all of your sources as footnotes in MLA format** -- links are not an acceptable form of citation. Footnotes will not count towards your 1 page of writing and can go over the 1 page limit. A position paper is required for you to be considered for an award, though FWPMUN does not have a position paper award. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at FWPMUN and violation of this policy will result in disqualification from awards.

A sample position paper can be found in the "[Conference Resources](#)" page on our [website](#). **Please bring a printed copy of your position paper(s) to the conference; we ask that you do not email them to your chair(s) ahead of time.** If you have any questions about position papers or otherwise, please reach out to your Head Chair(s).

Don't hesitate to email us at fwpmun@fwparker.org if you have any questions!