



# Young America's Foundation's Road to Freedom Seminar

July 21 and 22, 2017

## ***When should I arrive?***

You should arrive on Friday afternoon, July 21, for check-in between 12:00 pm and 1:45 pm. We will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. so please plan to be on time. Young America's Foundation will offer a shuttle from the Sheraton Hotel at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. If you are arriving by car on Friday, please plan to drive straight to our Headquarters, located at 11480 Commerce Park Drive, 6th Floor, Reston, VA 20191.

## ***What time does the seminar end?***

The conference ends at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22. Departure from the conference will take place Sunday, July 23. You will need to check out of your room on Sunday morning by 11:00 a.m.

## ***Where can I find the agenda?***

The agenda will be emailed to you a day or two prior to the conference. You will also be provided with a copy in your student materials at check in.

## ***What does the seminar fee include?***

The \$45 seminar fee includes seminar tuition, all materials, Friday and Saturday nights' lodging at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, and four meals from Friday dinner to Saturday dinner.

## ***Is travel assistance available?***

While travel assistance is never guaranteed, Young America's Foundation will gladly consider all **completed** requests.

Travel assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with financial need. If you have financial need, please email a brief essay (no more than a page) to [travel@yaf.org](mailto:travel@yaf.org) that includes:

- Language regarding your financial need

- What you hope to gain by attending the conference
- Your travel plans
- The expected amount of your travel plans and the amount you are requesting. (For example, Expected travel costs from IAD to SBA \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.)

We will not consider your request until we receive a completed request.

***Is tuition assistance available?***

Tuition assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with financial need. If you have financial need, please email a brief essay (no more than a page) to Jolie Ballantyne at [jballantyne@yaf.org](mailto:jballantyne@yaf.org) with some language regarding your financial need and what you hope to gain by attending the conference. We cannot consider your request until we receive this essay.

***What are the activities during the seminar?***

The event opens with a welcome and introduction to the program on Friday afternoon, followed by speaker sessions, a short break, and dinner. Saturday morning features breakfast and speaker sessions, and Saturday afternoon features speaker sessions following lunch. Students will have a break to change for dinner and the final speaking session on Saturday evening.

***Will I have free time during the seminar?***

No, because the event is only about a day long. If you wish to tour the area, make your own plans to arrive on Thursday or stay through Sunday night. Young America's Foundation only covers your hotel room on Friday and Saturday nights.

***What are the hotel arrangements on Friday and Saturday night?***

You will be rooming with at least one person of the same sex. Please request your roommate on your application, but realize that we cannot guarantee your requested roommates. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. If you want to make your own arrangements for your own room, you need to notify Young America's Foundation by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, July 14, or you will be liable for any costs associated with the room you do not use.

***Can I get my own room at the hotel?***

Yes, you may pay for your own room and make a reservation directly by calling the Sheraton Reston Heights. You MUST notify Jolie Ballantyne at [jballantyne@yaf.org](mailto:jballantyne@yaf.org) that you are making your own arrangements/wish not to be on the group rooming list or you will be charged for the unused room.

***How many students are expected at this seminar?***

Approximately 50 students are expected to attend the seminar from across the country. Young America's Foundation supporters may be invited to participate in

some of the sessions along with students.

***Are high school students allowed to attend?***

This program is only available to college students at this time.

***What is the atmosphere like at the seminar?***

The atmosphere of this seminar is similar to a normal college or university. As such, there may be drinking or smoking by those obeying all applicable local and hotel regulations. Anyone not obeying the law will be prosecuted by local police and subject to removal from the conference at his own expense.

***If traveling via airplane, to which airport do I fly?***

You should fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). The Sheraton offers guests a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. An alternate option is to arrive at Washington Reagan National (DCA) and take the metro, but this will add about an hour and a half to your arrival. You would take the metro to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station at the end of the Silver Line. Our headquarters is about a 10-minute walk from the station.

***How will I get to and from the airport and the seminar?***

If you fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), you can take the Sheraton Hotel's complimentary shuttle; please call the hotel concierge for more details. If you fly to Reagan National (DCA), you can take the metro to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station at the end of the Silver Line. Our headquarters is about a 10-minute walk from the station.

***What is the dress code for this conference?***

You need to wear business professional dress to the dinner banquets on Friday and Saturday nights and business casual clothing during the Friday and Saturday daytime sessions. Denim is not allowed. Ladies should ensure that dresses or skirts are of an appropriate length.

***What are the terms and conditions of the conference?***

a) I understand that I am applying for a limited amount of space at this conference and that my application is subject to confirmation. I will be notified within two weeks of submitting my application whether I have been accepted to the conference. In the event I have not been accepted, my charge will be refunded by a check mailed to the address provided when I registered.

b) I must attend all sessions of the conference. If I do not attend all functions, I will be charged the full cost of the conference and/or event(s), including the hotel, food, and conference costs, which total \$1,000 per attendee.

c) Except in case of emergency, I must notify Young America's Foundation by July 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST of my inability to attend, or I will be charged the supplemental fee since it is too late to give my spot to another student.

d) I understand that the conference fee is not refundable if I cancel my participation after July 14, 2017.

e) I understand I will be assigned roommates for the conference. I may request preferred roommates of the same sex, but there is a chance I may not be able to room with them.

f) I agree to abide by all rules and instructions of Young America's Foundation and to obey all laws. I agree to notify Young America's Foundation's staff immediately if a problem arises during the conference.

g) I understand that YAF will be adding my email address to its email list for updates for this conference and notifications of future events.

h) Young America's Foundation uses real photos, videos, and quotes from students for promotional purposes and to advance its mission. By attending this program, I consent to the use of my photo, written evaluation statements, and video in any Young America's Foundation materials.