



Fall College Retreat

November 9 and 10
Washington, D.C.

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I arrive?

You should arrive at the Mayflower Hotel between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 9 to check in. The Mayflower Hotel is located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20036. This is where you will receive your conference materials and room assignments. Hotel check in will be available after the opening sessions, around 4:00 p.m. We will have accommodations available for students to store their luggage.

What time does the retreat end?

The retreat concludes on Saturday afternoon, November 10, at 3:00 p.m. Select students will be invited to attend an additional dinner banquet that evening. **Please make arrangements that allow for full participation in the program from Friday afternoon, November 9 to Saturday afternoon, November 10.**

What is included with my \$275 fee?

The \$275 fee is broken into two components, a \$75 tuition fee and a \$200 deposit. After attending the full program and following all conference guidelines your \$200 deposit will be refunded by check on Saturday afternoon upon check out. The \$75 fee is your final out of pocket cost to attend the program. Almost everything is included, such as your food, 1 night in a hotel (only two students per room), tuition, materials, and other related costs. While many books may be provided, some are sold at the conference, so you may want extra spending money if you plan to purchase the speakers' books to be signed. Leave extra room in your suitcase, as we often give out SWAG!

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 with some language regarding your financial need and what you hope to gain by attending the retreat. We cannot consider your request until we receive this essay.

Is travel assistance available?

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

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- 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 LAX to IAD \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance."). We will not consider your request until we receive a **completed** request.

Travel assistance essays are due October 19, 2018.

What does the retreat fee include?

The retreat fee includes one night, Friday, November 9, at the Mayflower Hotel with only one roommate, tuition, conference materials, and all meals from Friday dinner to Saturday Lunch.

What are the activities during the retreat?

The event begins with interactive activism training followed by a welcome reception and dinner banquet on Friday evening. Saturday features speakers, panels, and a luncheon. Select students will be invited to attend a reception and dinner banquet for Saturday evening.

Will I have free time during the retreat?

There will not be a lot of free time at the retreat. **Out of respect for the generous Foundation supporters who have made this program possible, you are required to attend all sessions.** If you wish to tour Washington, D.C., please make your own plans to arrive Thursday or to stay past Saturday.

What are the hotel arrangements?

You will be rooming with one person of the same sex. We cannot guarantee your requested roommates, but we will do our best to accommodate your preferences. If you prefer to room with two or more friends, we are happy to accommodate your request to the best of our ability.

How many students are expected at this retreat?

More than 150 participants from across the country are expected to attend this retreat. About 100 of Young America's Foundation's financial supporters will also participate in the sessions along with you.

What is the atmosphere like at the retreat?

The atmosphere of this retreat 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. Those not obeying the law will be prosecuted by local police and subject to removal from the conference at their own expense.

To which airport do I fly?

You should fly to Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA). An alternate option is to arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) and take the metro, but this will add about an hour and a half to your arrival. You would take the metro from the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station to either Farragut North or Farragut West.

What is the dress for this retreat?

Dress for the Friday afternoon sessions is business casual. This means slacks and collared shirt for the gentlemen and skirts or slacks and a blouse for the ladies. **Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not acceptable attire at any point during conference activities.**

Dress for the reception and dinner banquet on Friday evening will be business professional. This means a suit for the gentlemen and a suit or dress for the ladies. **Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not acceptable attire.**

What are the terms and conditions of the retreat?

Terms and Conditions:

- A. LIMITED SPACE. 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 three 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 immediately.
- B. FAILURE TO ATTEND. I recognize that my participation in the Fall College Retreat is made possible through the generous financial support of Young America's Foundation's supporters nationwide. As such I agree to attend all sessions of the Fall College Retreat. **I understand that if I fail to attend all sessions of the Fall College Retreat, I may be charged, and I agree to pay, the total cost of my attendance for the conference, which is \$2,000.**
- C. PLEDGE NOT TO DISRUPT. I assert that I am not here under any false pretense. I will not disrupt or undermine the event by my actions.
- D. PROMOTION OF OTHER GROUPS. I understand that Young America's Foundation has a set procedure in place for outside organizations to attend the event and I am not allowed to promote any other groups or organizations without written permission from Young America's Foundation.
- E. FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF CANCELLATION. **I must notify Young America's Foundation by October 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. EST of my inability to attend or I will be charged the supplemental fee of \$2,000 since it is too late to give my spot to another student.**
- F. LATE CANCELLATION. I understand that the conference fee, including all deposits, is not refundable if I cancel my participation after October 19, 2018.
- G. ROOMMATES. 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.
- H. HOTEL RULES/REGULATIONS. I agree to abide by all rules and instructions of Young America's Foundation and The Mayflower Hotel, and to obey all laws. I agree to notify Young America's Foundation's staff immediately if a problem arises during the conference.
- I. WAIVER. Young America's Foundation uses real photos, videos, and quotes from our students for promotional purposes and to advance its mission. By attending this program, I do hereby grant Young America's Foundation ("the Foundation") permission to use, exploit, adapt, modify, reproduce, distribute, publicly perform and display, in any form now known or later developed, my image or visual likeness, my name and/or my voice ("Personal Information") throughout the world, by incorporating it or them into publications, catalogues, brochures, books, magazines, photo exhibits, motion picture films, videotapes, websites, and/or other media ("Works") or commercial, informational, educational, advertising, fundraising, or promotional materials relating thereto. I waive any right to inspect or approve any Works that may be created using the Personal Information and waive any claim with respect to the eventual use to which the personal information may be applied. The Personal Information may be used at the Foundation's sole discretion. I understand and agree that the Foundation is and shall be the exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest, including copyright, in the Works, and any commercial, informational, educational, advertising, fundraising, or promotional material containing the Personal Information.
- J. ADDED TO EMAIL LIST. I understand that my email address will be added to the YAF email list for notification of future events.

- K. SOCIAL MEDIA/PRIVATE MESSAGING. I understand that the words, statements, and images that I post on social media or send through private forms of communication may reflect on YAF and the Conservative Movement as a whole. I understand that during the Fall College Retreat, YAF is monitoring participants social media posts, including but not limited to, posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Group Me. **I understand that by posting, or sending, inappropriate words, statements, or images (as determined by YAF), I may be removed from the Fall College Retreat, in which case I forfeit my \$200 deposit and I will be liable to pay the remainder of the \$2,000 program cost.**
- L. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY TERMS AND CONDITIONS. **I understand that if I fail to abide by these terms I will forfeit my \$200 deposit and liable to pay the remainder of the \$2,000 program costs.**