



Fall College Retreat
November 13 and 14, 2020
Arlington, Virginia
Frequently Asked Questions

When should I arrive?

You should arrive on Friday, for check-in at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington VA 22202, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:40 a.m. The student conference starts at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. You will have time to check in to your hotel between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday. **If you are not present at the 1:00 pm session on Friday, you will not be permitted to attend the conference. Full time attendance is mandatory throughout the weekend.**

What time does the conference end?

The conference ends at about 5:30 pm on Saturday. You will check out of your room on Saturday morning. If you need a hotel Saturday night, please email Jaime at jhahn@yaf.org. YAF may be able to help you extend your stay at a discounted rate.

What does the conference fee include?

The conference fee includes Friday night at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, conference tuition, conference materials, dinner Friday, and breakfast and lunch, on Saturday.

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 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 LAX to DCA \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.)

We will not consider your request until we receive a **completed** request. Only travel assistance requests sent **before** the start of the conference will be considered. Additionally, travel assistance may not be used for extended hotel stay, baggage fees, seat upgrades, or ground transportation.

What are the activities during the conference?

The event opens with speakers on Friday afternoon, followed by a reception and a dinner banquet that evening. Saturday's sessions include breakfast, lunch, and speaker sessions throughout the day.

Generous supporters of Young America's Foundation have made this program possible. Therefore, you are **required** to attend all the sessions and abide by all the rules outlined in the responsibility pledge you will receive prior to the conference.

Will I have free time during the conference?

No. If you wish to tour the D.C. area, please make your own plans to arrive on Thursday night or stay Sunday. **Young America's Foundation only covers your hotel room on Friday night, but we are happy to assist you in extending your stay.** Please contact us at jhahn@yaf.org if you need any additional nights.

What are the hotel arrangements on Friday night?

You will be rooming with another person of the same sex. We cannot guarantee your requested roommates, but we will do our best to accommodate your preferences.

How many students are expected at this conference?

200 students are expected to attend the conference from around the country. A select group of Young America's Foundation's supporters will also participate in the sessions along with you.

What is the atmosphere like at the conference?

The atmosphere of this conference 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 (DCA). An alternate option is to arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) and take a bus and the metro, but this will add about an hour and a half to your travel time

How will I get to and from the airport and the conference?

There are ground transportation options available from the DCA airport including taxis, airport buses, and rental vehicles. Young America's Foundation **does not** provide airport shuttles. The hotel and airport are also both conveniently located right on the Metro.

What is the dress for this conference?

Dress for the Friday afternoon sessions is business casual. This means slacks, collared shirt and tie for the gentlemen and skirts or slacks and a blouse for the ladies. Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are **not acceptable** attire. You may change once you arrive at the hotel, but your room may not be ready until after 4:00 p.m.

Dress for the Friday evening reception and banquet 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.

Dress for Saturday's daytime sessions is business casual. **Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not** acceptable attire.

How can parents stay updated about conference events?

Conference updates will be posted on Twitter (@YAF and @Y_A_Freedom) and Instagram (@YAF_). Lectures will be livestreamed on YouTube at www.YouTube.com/YAFTV.

When/where can I see conference photos?

Pictures from the photo lines and conference events will be posted on the Young America's Foundation Facebook page following the event. Photos may take several weeks, so please be patient.

Can I bring items for speakers to sign?

Yes, you are welcome to bring items to be autographed. However, we cannot guarantee the speakers will be able to sign them. Please do not ask speakers for autographs or photos during the Q&A portions of their lectures. We will do our best to help you with these requests.

Can I sponsor a student to attend this program?

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$2,000 will allow Young America's Foundation to host a student at this program who could not otherwise attend. For more information about these

and other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Young America's Foundation Development Officer, Tom Robinson, at trobinson@yaf.org or call 800-USA-1776.

COVID-19 Specific questions:

Will I still be able to meet speakers

To accommodate social distancing requirements, YAF is unlikely to host any formal photo lines with speakers. If we are able to make meet and greets with speakers possible, we will most likely ask speakers and students to refrain from shaking hands and other physical contact.

How will the rooming arrangements change and will I have my own room for social distancing reasons?

Our goal is to match you with a roommate of your choice to avoid additional risk to students. If you don't know anyone attending, or have no preference, you may still be roomed with one fellow attendee of the same sex. If you want guarantee you have your own room, please contact the hotel and make your own reservation at your expense. Please just let us know, by emailing jhahn@yaf.org, so we don't book a second reservation for you.

Will social distancing or masks be enforced during sessions?

YAF will follow all state and local ordinances. As of now, masks are required in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To accommodate social distancing, YAF is reducing the number of attendees to allow for adequate space between students.

Do I need to bring my own mask or will they be provided?

You are encouraged to bring your own mask. YAF will offer free masks as well.

How will meal functions change?

To follow the guidance from the Center for Disease Control, YAF is currently planning to offer individual meal service rather than group buffets.

Will there be things to enjoy in the city during free time?

As Virginia and the District of Columbia slowly reopen, we expect there to be amenities available to you during your time with us. As a reminder, you will not have much free time in the area since we provide you with a comprehensive program. If you wish to have more free time in the Washington area, you need to come early or stay late.

Do we still get to take home YAF swag?

Yes. Remember to leave extra space in your suitcase as we do offer swag items to take home.

What are the terms and conditions of the seminar?

- 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 this conference 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 conference. **I understand that if I fail to attend all sessions of conference, I will 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. Except in case of emergency, I must notify Young America's Foundation by November 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST of my inability to attend.
- F. LATE CANCELLATION. I understand that the conference fee is not refundable if I cancel my participation after November 1, 2020.
- 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 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. OPT IN TO TEXTING SERVICE. **By registering, I agree that the phone number I have provided under Cell Phone is my own and that YAF may call and send text**

messages to this phone number in order to respond to and provide me with information and services related to my request, comments, and questions regarding YAF. Message and data rates may apply. Text Stop to stop.

- L. 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 conference, 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 conference, in which case I forfeit my registration fee and I will be liable to pay the remainder of the \$2,000 program cost.**
- M. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY TERMS AND CONDITIONS. **I understand that if I fail to abide by these terms I will forfeit my registration fee and liable to pay the remainder of the \$2,000 program costs.**