



High School Conference at the Reagan Ranch Santa Barbara, California June 17 to 20 FAQ's

When should I arrive?

You should arrive during the afternoon on Wednesday, and check in at the Santa Barbara Hilton Resort. Registration will begin starting at 2:00 p.m. This is where you will receive your hotel room and welcome packet. **Room keys will be available at the hotel after 4:00 p.m.**, but students can mingle in the hotel restaurant if they arrive before then. Shuttle vans will be available from Santa Barbara airport and train station, escorted by a member of our staff (see below).

What time does the conference end?

The conference ends Saturday by 5:00 p.m. We recommend flights depart on Saturday night after 6:00 p.m. Shuttles to the airport will operate starting at about 5:00 p.m. that day. We do not provide a hotel room for Saturday night, so you will need to make your own accommodations if you need to stay Saturday night, or call us and we may be able to help. Students are not allowed to leave the conference prior to the conclusion, and FULL-TIME attendance is **required**. Flights requiring a departure prior to 5:00 p.m. are not allowed.

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 conference. 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.

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 cost from IAD to SBA is \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.”)

We will not consider your request until we receive this completed essay. Travel assistance essays are due prior to the start of the conference.

Flights must meet the conference schedule in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

Can I sponsor a student to attend this program?

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$2,500 will allow Young America's Foundation to host a student at this program who could not otherwise attend. You can designate a specific student you know to attend, or sponsor a student who is receiving free tuition as a result of financial need. For more information about these and other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Young America's Foundation development officer Haley Limo at hlimo@yaf.org or call 888-USA-1776.

To which airport do I fly?

You should fly to Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) if possible, or you can arrive at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and take a 2-hour bus to Santa Barbara through the Santa Barbara Airbus (Please visit www.sbairbus.com for more information) Another option is to fly to Burbank airport and take the Amtrak train to Santa Barbara, but this option will add several hours to your arrival.

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

Students will be picked up by a Young America's Foundation staff member (with a sign) just outside the baggage claim area on the curb and will be taken in a shuttle bus to the Hilton. The specific times of these shuttles will be determined once students submit their travel information forms about two weeks before the conference, but shuttles will run on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday night. You may have to wait in the airport for the next shuttle to arrive. We will not be able to accommodate you if you arrive or depart at other times. FULL TIME attendance is **required**. Flights requiring a departure prior to 5:00 p.m. are not allowed. In the event that you leave early, no transportation will be provided.

Can I take the bus?

Yes, Greyhound has buses to downtown Santa Barbara, but they are not within walking distance of the Reagan Ranch Center or the hotels. You can take a taxi to the Reagan Ranch Center from the bus stop. Please visit www.greyhound.com for more information on this option.

Can I take the train?

Yes, Amtrak runs trains through Santa Barbara on its Pacific Surfliner route, which spans from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. The train station is located right in front of the Reagan Ranch Center. Please visit www.amtrakcalifornia.com for more information on this option.

Will there be supervision during the weekend?

Yes, students will be supervised by several staff members who will be chaperones and stay in the same hotels for the whole event. Students are expected to behave appropriately or will have to leave the conference at their parents' expense. Parents need to sign the waiver form and responsibility pledge that will be sent to students prior to the event.

Will students have free time during the conference?

No, because the event is only three days long. If you wish to tour Santa Barbara, please make your own plans to arrive on Tuesday night or stay through Saturday night and Sunday. Young America's Foundation only covers your hotel room on Wednesday through Friday nights, and you will check out on Saturday morning before the sessions. A luggage storage room will be provided.

Are parents and family members invited to attend the program?

Parents and grandparents are invited to the opening dinner banquet on Wednesday at the hotel and have the option of touring Rancho del Cielo on Saturday, although space on the Ranch tour is extremely limited. Further details will be emailed to students and parents in the week preceding the conference.

What does the conference fee include?

The conference fee of \$100 includes three nights at a Santa Barbara hotel, conference tuition, materials, and meals from Wednesday dinner through Saturday lunch.

What is the dress code for this conference?

Dress for dinner banquets 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 Thursday sessions, the trip up to the Ranch, and dinner is casual, but respectful. Please pack layered clothes and bring a jacket as it tends to get chilly up on the mountain. **Jeans are acceptable** as long as there are no holes or tears. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes

Dress for Friday and Saturday's sessions in business casual. This means slacks, polo shirts or button-up shirts, sweaters, etc. **Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are not acceptable attire.**

What are the activities during the conference?

Wednesday night will feature the opening banquet, to which parents and grandparents are invited. Thursday will feature speakers and question-and-answer sessions, a luncheon, a trip up to and tour of the Reagan Ranch, and an evening dinner banquet. Friday and Saturday feature more speakers and question-and-answer sessions in the morning and afternoon, separated by a luncheon, and conclude with a dinner banquet on Friday evening. Students will receive a detailed agenda via email prior to the conference.

What are the living arrangements?

Students will have one or two roommates of the same sex for the nights at the conference. The registration form contains a blank in which you can request a roommate, and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

What are the terms and conditions of the conference?

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 understand that all applications submitted prior to April 20th, 2020 will receive a response on April 20th regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after April 20th will receive notice within 2 weeks of their application submission. In the event I have not been accepted I will be refunded via my original payment method.

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 High School 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 including the hotel, food, and conference costs, which is \$2,500.

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 May 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST of my inability to attend or I will be charged the supplemental fee of \$2,500 since it is too late to give my spot to another student.

F. LATE CANCELLATION. I understand that the conference fee is not refundable if I cancel my participation after May 17, 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 \$2,500 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 \$2,500 program costs.