



National High School Leadership Conference

July 8-11

4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

FAQ

When should I arrive?

You should arrive between **2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday**. The conference starts at 6:00 p.m. at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

What time does the conference end?

Checking out of the conference and the 4-H Center will occur **Saturday morning**. We recommend flights depart between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, as the airport shuttles will run during those hours.

To which airport should I fly?

You should fly to Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), because it is the most convenient to the 4-H Center, but we will also pick up students at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). We **do not** provide a shuttle from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI), as that airport is located a substantial distance from the 4-H Center and we are limited in the staff we can allocate to airport pick-up and drop-off. **Students arriving at BWI will be responsible for making their own arrangements for getting to the National 4-H Center.**

What if I am an "Unaccompanied Minor" flying in for the conference?

"[Unaccompanied Minor](#)" is a term used by airlines to designate travelers under their care. Please refer to your specific airline for guidance on who must be designated as an "Unaccompanied Minor." Flying as an unaccompanied minor requires you to have a designated staff member pick you up at the gate upon arrival and wait with you at the gate, inside of TSA security, until your flight is "wheels up."

Due to the limited number of staff members, we are not able to accommodate "Unaccompanied Minors" via YAF staff. We will pick up at designated baggage claim only. Students needing to fly as "Unaccompanied Minors" must have a friend or family member who is

able to get them through the security process.

How will students 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) at the baggage claim (#3 for IAD and #1 for Reagan) and will be taken in a shuttle bus to the 4-H Center. They may have to wait at the airport for the next shuttle to arrive. The specific times of these shuttles will be determined once students submit their travel information forms. **Students will receive an email with these details no later than the Tuesday prior to the conference.** As a reminder, we are not able to accommodate "Unaccompanied Minors" via YAF staff.

What if I take the train?

We also pick up students from Union Station (staff will meet students at the Amtrak ticket counter) in Washington, D.C. which is a hub for Amtrak and within walking distance of the Greyhound bus terminal. **Please arrange to arrive between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday and depart between 6 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday.**

Is travel assistance available for students?

Yes—travel assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with demonstrable 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 IAD \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.)

We will not consider your request until we receive this completed essay.

Please note that travel assistance is not guaranteed, and is allocated on a case-by-case basis. Incomplete essays will not be considered. Travel assistance essays are due prior to the start of the conference.

Flights must allow for full-time attendance in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

Is tuition assistance available?

Tuition assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with demonstrable 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. **We cannot consider your request until we receive this essay.**

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. 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 this sponsorship opportunity, please contact Young America's Foundation Development Officer Haley Limo at hlimo@yaf.org or call 800-USA-1776. Please notify us separately if your gift is intended for a specific student.

Will there be supervision during the weekend?

Yes, students will be supervised by Young America's Foundation staff members who will chaperone the students the entire weekend. Students are expected to behave appropriately or will be told to leave the conference at their parent's expense. The 4-H Center enforces a curfew each evening, and students must abide by their rules. Both parents and students will need to sign a responsibility pledge when the conference approaches.

What are the activities during the conference?

The event kicks off with a dinner banquet on Wednesday night, and Thursday and Friday will feature speakers and discussion sessions. The conference concludes with a tour of the monuments in Washington, D.C. on Friday night.

Will students have free time during the conference?

No, because the event is only three days long. **If you wish to tour Washington, D.C. in addition to the included trip, you need to make your own plans to arrive early or stay late.** Young

America's Foundation only covers your lodging on Wednesday through Friday nights, and we are unable to accommodate or supervise you at any other time.

What does the conference fee include?

The conference fee includes three nights in the dormitories at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, conference tuition, materials, and meals from Wednesday dinner through Saturday breakfast.

What is the dress for this conference?

You need to wear business professional attire to the dinner banquets on Wednesday and Thursday nights and business casual clothing during the daytime sessions. Please pack an umbrella and comfortable, casual clothing and shoes for the Washington, D.C. tour as it may be very hot and/or raining during the tour. You will receive more detailed information as the conference approaches.

What are the living arrangements?

Students will have one or more roommates of the same sex for the conference in the dormitories at the 4-H Center. The registration form contains a blank in which you can request a roommate, and we will do our best to accommodate those requests. Linens are provided.

What if I have other questions?

Please feel free to call Jolie Ballantyne at 800-USA-1776, or email her at jballantyne@yaf.org if you have any specific questions.

How many students are expected for the conference?

More than 100 students are expected to attend the conference.

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 May 15th, 2020 will receive a response on May 15th regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after May 15th 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 \$2,000.

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 June 1, 2020 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 is not refundable if I cancel my participation after June 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.