



**Standing up for Faith and Freedom**  
April 23 and 24, 2021  
Reston, VA

**FAQs**

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***When should I arrive?***

Registration will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday at Young America's Foundation Headquarters in Reston, VA. You should arrive no later than 1:15 p.m., because the program will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. Young America's Foundation will offer a shuttle from the hotel at 12:45 p.m. You might not be able to check into your hotel room until later that afternoon, following the afternoon sessions, but you should be able to store your luggage there. If you are arriving by car, please plan to drive straight to our Headquarters, located at 11480 Commerce Park Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Reston, VA 20191.

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

The closing dinner will end around 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, but Saturday night is included in your hotel stay. Departure from the conference will take place on Sunday.

***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 SBA to IAD \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.")

We will not consider your request until we receive this completed request. Travel assistance may not be used for extending your hotel stay, luggage or seat fees, or ground transportation (such as Uber to the airport). Travel assistance may be revoked without notice if you skip any portion of the event.

***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.

***Can I sponsor a student to attend this program?***

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$1700 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, Ilinca Scalco, at [iscalco@yaf.org](mailto:iscalco@yaf.org) or 800-USA-1776.

***To which airport do I fly?***

You should fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). 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 conference?***

If you fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) we recommend grabbing a taxi or Uber. 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 cost to attend?***

This program is \$20. This includes two nights at a Reston hotel, conference tuition, materials, and 4 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner). 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.

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

The dress code for the event is as follows:

Friday afternoon and Saturday's daytime sessions:

- Business casual clothing such as slacks and polo shirts, button-up shirts, sweaters, etc.
- Denim and shorts **are not allowed.**
- **We encourage students to wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt with their school name on FRIDAY afternoon**

Dinner Banquets on Friday and Saturday evenings:

- Men should wear a jacket, but ties are not required. (Nice slacks, a collared shirt, and a sports jacket work great)

- Women should wear a suit or a dress. (A skirt and dressy top work well)
- Denim and shorts **are not allowed**.

***What are the activities during the conference?***

Friday afternoon features introductions, speakers, and question-and-answer sessions, followed by a dinner banquet that evening. Saturday features more speakers, discussions, and short films. A closing dinner banquet will take place on Saturday evening. All seminar sessions will take place in Dale Phelon Hall at Young America's Foundation Headquarters or at the local hotel.

***How will I get from the hotel to the conference?***

Young America's Foundation will provide transportation from the hotel to the conference and back for those without a vehicle.

***What are the living arrangements?***

Students will have one or two roommates of the same sex for Friday and Saturday nights at the seminar hotel. The registration form includes a question where you can request a roommate, and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

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

Yes, a limited number of outstanding high school students will be admitted to attend the conference, but you must have your parents' consent and they must sign a liability waiver. Parents are notified that there will likely be a college-like atmosphere at the event. High school students must be in their assigned room by 10:00 p.m., and room checks will be conducted. In the event that the students are not in their rooms, their parents will be called, and the students will be subject to removal from the conference.

***How do I access my photos after the event?***

We will post photos to our Facebook page after we sort through the thousands of images. Please be patient.

**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 to 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](mailto: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. You are free in the evening after dinner (at about 10:00 p.m.) and many students go out and enjoy the town at that time each night. 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?***

**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 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 the conference, I will be charged, and I agree to pay, the total cost of my attendance for the conference, which is \$1,700.**
- 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 April 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. EST of my inability to attend or I will be charged the supplemental fee of \$1,700 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 April 2, 2021.
- 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 \$1,700 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 be liable to pay the remainder of the \$1,700 program costs.**