



# Young America's Foundation's High School Free Enterprise Leaders Conference

September 17 and 18, 2021

## ***When should I arrive?***

You should arrive on Friday afternoon for check-in between 12:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. We will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m., so please be on time. Young America's Foundation will offer a shuttle from the hotel at 1:15 p.m. on Friday afternoon. If you are arriving by car on Friday, please plan to drive straight to our headquarters, located at 11480 Commerce Park Drive, Sixth Floor, Reston, VA 20191.

## ***What time does the conference end?***

The conference ends at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Departure from the conference will take place Sunday. You will need to check out of your room on Sunday morning by 11:00 a.m.

## ***Where can I find the agenda?***

The agenda will be emailed to you a day or two prior to the conference. You will also be provided with a copy in your student materials at check-in.

## ***What does the conference fee include?***

The \$45 conference fee includes seminar tuition, all materials, Friday and Saturday night lodging at the Westin Reston Heights hotel, and four meals from Friday dinner to Saturday dinner.

## ***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 LAX to IAD are \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.)

We will not consider your request until we receive a completed request. 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 financial need. If you have financial need, please email a brief essay (no more than a page) to Jaime Hahn at [jhahn@yaf.org](mailto:jhahn@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.

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

The event opens with a welcome and introduction to the program on Friday afternoon, followed by speaker sessions, a short break, and dinner. Saturday morning features breakfast and speaker sessions, and Saturday afternoon features speaker sessions following lunch. Students will have a break to change for dinner and the final speaking session on Saturday evening.

***Will I have free time during the seminar?***

No, because the event is intended to make the most use of our time together. If you wish to tour the area, please make your own plans to arrive on Thursday or stay through Sunday night. Young America's Foundation only covers your hotel room on Friday and Saturday nights.

***What are the hotel arrangements on Friday and Saturday night?***

You will be rooming with at least one person of the same sex. Please feel free to request your roommate on your application but realize that we cannot guarantee your requested roommates. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. If you want to make your own arrangements for your own room, you need to notify Young America's Foundation by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, September 3, or you will be liable for any costs associated with the room you do not use. All students, even those over 18, are required to be in their assigned rooms by 10:00 p.m.

***Can I get my own room at the hotel?***

Yes, you may pay for your own room and make a reservation directly by calling the hotel. You MUST notify YAF at [jhahn@yaf.org](mailto:jhahn@yaf.org) that you are making your own arrangements/wish not to be on the group rooming list, or you will be charged for the unused room.

***Are college students allowed to attend?***

This program is open only to high school students at this time. College students are encouraged to attend the [Road to Freedom Seminar](#) instead.

***If traveling via airplane, 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 five-minute walk from the station.

***How will I get to and from the airport and the program?***

If you fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), YAF will provide a shuttle. Exact shuttle times will be emailed to students the week of the conference.

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

You must wear business professional attire to the dinner banquets on Friday and Saturday nights and business casual clothing during the Friday and Saturday daytime sessions. Denim is not allowed. Ladies should ensure that dresses or skirts are of an appropriate length. 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](http://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.

***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 Wednesday, July 28, 2021, will receive a response on July 28 regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after July 28 will receive notice within two 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 Free Enterprise Leaders 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 \$1,000.

C. PLEDGE NOT TO DISRUPT. I assert that I am not here under any false pretenses. 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 August 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET of my inability to attend or I will be charged the supplemental fee of \$1,000 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 August 20, 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 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 \$1,000 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 be liable to pay the remainder of the \$1,000 program costs.