

YAF's Atlanta Freedom Conference

February 11-12, 2022
Atlanta, Georgia

FAQs

When should I arrive?

You should arrive at the Westin Peachtree Plaza (210 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303) between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11. The conference starts at 6:00 p.m. with a networking reception in the 8th Floor Terrace of the hotel. Parking is not provided so if you plan to drive please plan accordingly. Street and garage parking are available around the hotel. You will receive more detailed arrival information a day or two before the conference.

What time does the conference end?

The conference ends at 5:00 p.m. You must be checked out of the hotel before the first sessions begins. We will provide a secured luggage storage room for you. You should not book a flight that departs before 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

What is included with my \$45 fee?

The \$45 fee is your final out of pocket cost to attend the program. Meals from Friday night through Saturday lunch, 1 night in a luxury hotel (only two students per room), tuition, materials, and other related costs. Leave extra room in your suitcase, as we often give out SWAG!

Is travel assistance available for students?

Yes—travel assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with demonstrable financial need. While travel assistance is never guaranteed, Young America's Foundation will gladly consider all **completed** requests.

If you have financial need, please email a brief essay (no more than a page) to travel@yaf.org that includes:

- Subject line: Travel Assistance Request—Atlanta Freedom
- 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 SBA to IAH is \$500. I am requesting \$200 in assistance.)

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 before the start of the conference, but are issued on a first come, first served basis. If you are not dependent on full financial assistance, we recommend purchasing your ticket as soon as possible to lock in the lowest fare. Travel assistance does not cover ground transportation, baggage fees, seat assignments, etc.

Are tuition scholarships available for students?

Yes—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 Jaime Hahn at jhahn@yaf.org with some language regarding your financial need. We cannot consider your request until we receive this essay.

Can high school students attend?

While this is a mainly college-oriented program, a select number of high schoolers may attend. Parents should take note that most students attending will be college students. High schoolers may be subject to a curfew and room checks.

What is the dress for the program?

Dress for Friday night dinner is professional attire and Saturday sessions is business casual.

How much extra money should I bring?

This depends on what you do, because some students go out at night while others prefer not to. There are a lot of tourist activities (World of Coke, Georgia Aquarium, College Football Hall of Fame, Skyview Atlanta, etc.) that require paid tickets for entry. You will also need about \$50 for transportation to and from the airport if you fly. Bring extra money if you anticipate going out frequently.

To which airport do I fly?

The hotel is conveniently located near Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL). Ridesharing, taxis, and MARTA transportation are all options for transportation from the airport. Please note: Atlanta is the busiest airport in the world, so allow ample time when arriving and departing to get through the airport and city traffic.

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

We do not provide students with transportation to and from the airport for this conference, but it is simple to arrive at the hotel via taxi or rideshare. You can also ride the MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority). As a native of the area, I would not recommend MARTA.

What are the activities during the conference?

The first night will feature a networking reception, followed by a dinner banquet with a top conservative leader. Saturday, you will hear speakers from the morning through the late afternoon.

Will I have free time during the conference?

Depending on what time you arrive, you will have most of Friday to explore the area. If you're interested in staying longer or arriving earlier, we will send information on how to do that—at your own cost—later.

Can I stay in the hotel extra nights before or after the conference?

Yes. Feel free to call the hotel to make these arrangements, or you can contact Jaime Hahn for more information. Young America's Foundation is only responsible for your accommodations during Friday night. You may want to arrange for extra time in Atlanta before or after the conference on your own.

What are the living arrangements?

Students will have one or more roommates of the same sex. The registration form allows you to request roommates, and we will do our best to accommodate those requests. If you wish to room with two or three roommates, all of you must list one another on your application.

How many students are expected for the conference?

More than 400 full-time students are expected to attend the conference from all over the country, and a few Atlanta-area supporters and alumni will also join us for dinner each night.

Is there a registration deadline?

Yes, the last day to apply is February 1. If capacity is reached before then, students may register for our waitlist.

Can I sponsor a student to attend this program?

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$1,500 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 Ilinca Scalco at iscalco@yaf.org or call 800-USA-1776.

Students interested in assistance should apply for travel or tuition assistance. Please see the instructions in the questions above.

What if I have other questions?

You will receive information via email a day or so before the conference about what is on the agenda, and how to arrive at the conference site. For questions that are not covered here, please email Conference Co-Director, Jaime Hahn at jhahn@yaf.org.

What are the terms and conditions for this event?

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 understand that all applications submitted prior to October 29th, 2021 will receive a response on October 29th regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after October 29th will receive notice within 2 weeks of their application submission. In the event I have not been accepted I will be refunded by a check mailed to the address provided when I registered.
- 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 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 January 1, 2022 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 January 1, 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 \$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.