



THE ACADEMY

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Freedom Unveiled Seminar

The Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home • Dixon, Illinois • April 8-9, 2022

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I arrive?

You should arrive between **3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8th at the Holiday Inn and Suites (301 E 2nd St, Rock Falls, IL 61071)** for both conference and hotel check-in. The program will officially commence at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner banquet at the McCormick Event Center (205 E 3rd St, Rock Falls, IL 61071).

What time does the conference end?

The program concludes at **6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the Loveland Community Center**. Students should check out of their hotel Friday morning before departing for Loveland.

Where will I be staying during the program?

YAF will provide hotel accommodations for students on Friday night at the Holiday Inn & Suites (301 E 2nd St, Rock Falls, IL 61071). YAF will provide shuttles to and from the hotel during the program. You should plan to ride the shuttle when possible.

What are the living arrangements?

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

Can I stay an extra night in the hotel?

A limited number of rooms are available to students on Friday night upon request. If you would like to stay an extra night, please email your travel plans and hotel needs to Madison Habersetzer at madisonh@reaganranch.org no later than March 3, 2022.

To which airport should I fly?

You should fly into Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

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

YAF offers several airport shuttle options.

- **Arrivals:** YAF will offer one shuttle to the conference that departs from Chicago O’Hare Airport promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8. This option is only available to students whose flights land before 10:30 a.m. on April 8.
- **Departures:** YAF will offer one departure shuttle to Chicago O’Hare Airport. The first leaves Dixon promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, and students can expect to arrive at Chicago O’Hare by 7:30 p.m.
- Students must **RSVP to ride any of the shuttles** by March 10th. Email your travel information (including flight numbers and arrival/departure times) to Michael Mastrianna at mmastrianna@yaf.org.

What if I take the train?

You should arrive at Chicago Union Station in Chicago, IL. **Students will be responsible for making their own arrangements for getting to the program from the train station.**

Can I take the bus?

Yes, Greyhound has a stop in Dixon, IL. The Reagan Trans Station is located at 210 E Progress Dr, Dixon, IL 61021, which is a short drive from the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home. More information can be found at <https://www.greyhound.com/en-us/bus-station-560362?redirecturl=true>. **Students will be responsible for making their own arrangements for getting to the program from the bus station.**

Where should I park if I drive myself?

Parking is available at the hotel and the Loveland Community Center.

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
- Subject line: Dixon–Travel Assistance Request
- 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 ORD \$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 no later than March 1, 2022 but are issued first come first served.

How much is tuition? What is included in this fee?

Tuition for this program is \$40 and includes one night in the hotel, conference tuition, materials, and meals from Thursday lunch through Friday dinner.

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 Jaime Hahn at jhahn@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! While we keep tuition costs for students very low, the total cost of attendance is more significant. 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 this sponsorship opportunity, please contact Young America's Foundation Development Officer Ilinca Scalco at iscalco@yaf.org or call 800-872-1776. Please notify us separately if your gift is intended for a specific student.

What are the activities during the conference?

The event kicks off with a dinner banquet on Friday night. Saturday will feature more speakers and a tour of the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home. A full agenda will be sent to students prior to the program.

Will students have free time during the conference?

No, because the event is only two days long. Young America's Foundation only covers your lodging on Friday night, and we are unable to accommodate or supervise you at any other time.

What is the dress for this conference?

The dress code for the Friday night dinner banquet is professional attire. Students should wear business casual attire for Saturday's sessions (no jeans or tshirts).

How many students are expected to attend the conference?

50 students—primarily from the Midwest—are expected to attend.

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, 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, but our speakers have very busy schedules and may not have time allotted for photos and signings.

COVID-19 Specific questions:

Will I still be able to meet speakers?

To accommodate social distancing requirements, YAF is unlikely to host many 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.

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 State of Illinois.

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.

What if I have other questions about the program?

Please feel free to call Jaime Hahn at 800-872-1776, or email her at jhahn@yaf.org if you have any specific questions.

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 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 total \$1,000 per attendee.**
- 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 March 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. EST 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 March 11, 2022.
- 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.**
- 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 \$960 program costs.**