

The 46th annual National Conservative Student Conference

July 22 to 27, 2024

Washington, D.C.

FAQs

When should I arrive?

You should arrive at the JW Marriott (1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004) between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22. The conference starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the hotel. Parking is not provided so if you plan to drive, please plan accordingly. While parking is available from the hotel (\$60 per night) you can find more affordable options in the local area. You will receive more detailed arrival information when the conference gets closer.

What time does the conference end?

Checking out of the conference will occur **Saturday morning, July 27 by 10:00 a.m.** Students should plan to stay in their hotel rooms no later than 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

What is included with my fee?

Almost everything is included in your registration cost, such as your food (three meals per day), housing (5 nights in the hotel), tuition, materials, and other related costs. While books are sometimes provided, most are sold at the conference, so you will need extra money if you plan to purchase the speakers' books to have signed. 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–NCSC
- 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 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. If you are not dependent on full financial assistance, we recommend purchasing your ticket as soon as possible to lock in the lowest fare.

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.

What is the dress for the program?

During the day, you are required to wear business casual and have the option to wear business formal clothing. During the dinner banquets each evening, you are required to wear business professional attire. You may wish to bring casual clothing for your free time.

How much extra money should I bring?

This depends on what you do, because some students go out every night while others prefer not to. We advise that you bring some spending money for books that can be signed by the speakers. 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?

You should fly to Washington – Reagan National Airport (DCA) because it is closest to the conference site, but you can also arrive at Washington – Dulles International Airport (IAD) or Baltimore Washington International airport (BWI) which are further from the conference site. Taxis are expensive from both airports, so you may wish to use public transportation.

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 Metro. You can also schedule a Super Shuttle van ride. More information and directions will be sent to you when the conference approaches.

What if I take the bus or the train?

Students can arrive at Union Station in Washington, D.C. and take the Metro to the JW Marriott

What are the activities during the conference?

During the day, you will listen to exciting conservative speakers and participate in question-and-answer sessions. Each evening will feature a dinner banquet with a special guest speaker and time for questions and answers. On occasion, you will even have an opportunity to meet and have your picture taken with our speakers!

Will I have free time during the conference?

You will not have much free time in Washington since we provide you with a comprehensive program. You are free in the evenings 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 Washington, you

need to come early or stay late. Young America's Foundation is not able to make these arrangements for you.

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

Yes. More information on extending your reservation before or after the program will be sent as soon as possible. Young America's Foundation is only responsible for your accommodations during the specified times (Monday-Friday nights). You may want to arrange for extra time in Washington before or after the conference on your own.

What are the living arrangements?

Students will have one or more roommates of the same sex for the week at the hotel. The registration form allows you to request roommates, and we will do our best to accommodate those requests.

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 hundreds of Washington-area interns will also join us for dinner each night.

Is there a registration deadline?

Yes, the last day to apply is July 20. Also, the price increases from \$150 to \$200 on May 31, so we encourage you to apply early.

Can I sponsor a student to attend this program?

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$2,500 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.

What if I have other questions?

You will receive information via email when the conference gets closer about what is on the agenda, and how to arrive at the conference site. Also feel free to contact Jaime at (800) USA-1776 or via email at jhahn@yaf.org with any other questions you have.

What are the terms and conditions for this event?

Terms and Conditions:

I am registering for myself, or on behalf of my minor child or ward (hereafter "child"), to attend a Young America's Foundation's (YAF) private event. I understand and agree that, as an express condition of participation and/or attendance in YAF's event, I intend to be legally bound and will abide by the following terms & conditions.

- A. Terms of Registration. All attendees must register themselves or their child and any guests they may be registering for using the real and true name for all parties and may be asked to present valid identification to verify the identity of the registrant and their guests. I understand and acknowledge that any actions intended to disrupt or undermine this YAF event will result in my or my child's immediate ejection from the event. Disruptive activity includes, without limitation and in YAF's sole determination, posting or sending inappropriate words, statements, or images, through social media or by and between event attendees. YAF reserves the right to pursue all appropriate civil & criminal remedies against disruptive attendees. Attendees removed for disruptive activity forfeit any registration fees and will be required to reimburse YAF at applicable actual costs of their attendance within ten (10) business days.
- B. Acceptance & Attendance.
- a. I understand that this event may have a limited amount of space and that my application may be subject to confirmation. I understand that all applications submitted prior to July 1, 2024 will receive a response on July 1, 2024 regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after July 1, 2024 will receive notice within two (2) weeks of their application submission. I understand that in the event I have not been accepted I will be refunded via my original payment method.
 - b. Participation in this YAF event is made possible through the generous financial support of YAF's supporters nationwide. As such, I or my child agree to attend all sessions of the Fall College Retreat. I understand that if I or my child fail to attend the entirety of YAF's event without good cause, I agree to refund YAF the actual cost of attendance for the event, including hotel, food, transportation, and other costs incurred.
 - c. Acceptance and participation in this YAF event include reviewing and understanding the terms and conditions of YAF's Responsibility Pledge, the terms of which are incorporated by reference. I understand that violation of the Responsibility Pledge may result in my removal or the removal of my child from the event, forfeiture of registration fees, and applicable reimbursement due to YAF.
- C. Cancellation. Except in case of emergency, if accepted to attend YAF's event, I must notify YAF by July 1, 2024 of my or my child's inability to attend or I may be charged \$1500 since it is too late to give my reserved space to another participant. I understand that the conference fee is not refundable if I cancel my participation after July 1, 2024.
- D. Policy Focused Event. YAF's event is intended solely for the promotion of conservative ideas, in accordance with YAF's tax exempt mission. No political activity, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, is permitted at YAF's event. No candidate stickers, pins, t-shirts, or other materials may be worn, displayed, or otherwise visible by members of the audience. I understand that attendees will not promote any other groups or organizations without express written permission from YAF.
- E. Roommates & Lodging. If applicable, I understand that I or my child may be assigned roommates for the conference. A preferred roommate of the same sex may be requested, but YAF is not obligated to honor that request. I agree to notify YAF staff immediately if a problem with a roommate arises during the event. I or my child further agree to abide by all applicable hotel rules, as well as any rules or instructions from YAF staff as deemed necessary, in YAF's sole determination, during any overnight event stay.

- F. Consideration. In consideration for participation in this event or program, the receipt and sufficiency of which consideration is acknowledged, I agree to release and forever discharge YAF, its officers, employees, and assigns from all manner of actions, legal causes of action, claims and demands for or by reason of any damage, loss, or injury to person and property which has been or may be sustained as a result of my own or my child's participation in this event or program.
- G. Liability Release. I am fully aware that there are risks, foreseeable and unforeseeable, related to me or my child or ward attending this event or program, ranging from normal risks associated with any stay away from home, such as physical injury from a slip and fall or accident, food poisoning or allergic reactions, loss or damage to personal property, fires, disasters, terrorism or other incidents of violence, contraction of illness such as the flu, COVID-19, or legionnaire's disease, which could result in a serious medical condition requiring treatment in a hospital or could possibly lead to death. For my own benefit or on behalf of my child or ward, our heirs, successors, and assigns, I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, relating to participation in this event or program and I hereby forever release, waive, relinquish, and discharge YAF, its officers, employees, and assigns from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, rights, damages, expenses, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, and other losses of any kind, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, and I further promise not to sue YAF for any personal injury, disability, property damage or theft, or death which may result from participation in this program. These terms and conditions shall be construed under Tennessee law and should be interpreted by any court of competent jurisdiction to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible.
- H. Assumption of Risk. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation in the above mentioned function, including transportation to and from such activities, and do hereby release and waive all claims against YAF, its directors, officers, staff, employees, volunteers, representatives, agents, and speakers whether they be foreseen or unforeseen at the time this waiver is signed. **I understand that it is my sole responsibility to avoid exposing MYSELF OR my child to foods that WE may be allergic to and to take all necessary precautions relating to potential allergies, including having any medication such as an epinephrine pen ("epipen") on my OR MY child's person at all times and notifying Young America's Foundation staff of concerns.** I understand that YAF makes no promises or guarantees that an accommodation will be made for my or my child's allergy, even after notifying YAF of said allergy. As such, I recognize that if I or my child consumes food or beverage at a YAF event, I assume the risk.
- I. Emergency Medical Treatment Consent/ Property Damage. I grant permission for emergency medical treatment to be performed upon me or my child in case of sickness or injury and have indicated any special medical needs or allergies in the space provided below. All expenses incident to hospital care shall be my responsibility. I also accept responsibility for any property damage to the program facilities that I or my child may cause.
- J. Consent and Release for Use of Likeness. YAF uses real photos, videos, and quotes from students for promotional purposes. By attending this YAF event on your own behalf or on behalf of your child, you irrevocably consent and authorize YAF and its affiliates, employees, related companies, and contractors, to record, film, photograph, broadcast, or otherwise capture during the event and related events your likeness, image, voice, or any other indicia of identity in any media whatsoever and to distribute, use, broadcast, or disseminate into

perpetuity such media for any purpose whatsoever without any further approval from you or any compensation of any kind to you. The images in all media will constitute YAF's sole property, and YAF will have the right to use your likeness, image, voice, or other indicia of identity, including, but not limited to, the right to produce, publicly perform, transmit, exhibit, publicly display, print, reproduce, televise, broadcast, transfer, modify, distribute, create derivative works of, and otherwise use for any lawful purpose, in whole or in part, in any location throughout the world through any means or medium or format without limitation, any Subject Matter, all without prior inspection or further consent or approval by the undersigned of the finished product(s) or of such use, together with irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide and royalty-free rights, title and interest in and to any and all results and proceeds from any such use.

- K. Exclusive Broadcast Rights. You further agree that you will not record, reproduce, or transmit from the place of performance, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, any portion of, or the entirety of, any YAF event in the absence of the specific written permission of YAF. YAF retains the exclusive copyright to all materials that may be distributed at the event, unless otherwise noted, and all video or audio recordings of all YAF events.
- L. Data Usage: By sharing your information with YAF, you agree that we may use your information to contact you about this event and other activities, such as educational materials or opportunities to attend future events, as disclosed to you at the point of collection, or in any other manner that advances our educational purposes. This includes, without limitation, adding your e-mail address to receive YAF emails and receipt of telephone calls and text messages to your cell phone. You affirm that the cell phone number provided at registration is your own or that of your minor child, and that YAF may call and/or send text messages to this phone number to provide information regarding your application or registration for this event, as well as future YAF events and programming. You understand that message and data rates may apply to any such messages. We may share or transfer your information with our affiliates and any other organizations or entities for similar purposes.
- M. Severability. If any provision of this waiver is held to be invalid or unenforceable that provision will be eliminated or limited to the minimum extent possible, and the remainder of the waiver will have full force and effect.
- N. Understanding and Acceptance. By including my name on this form and allowing my child to participate in this Program, I confirm that I understand and have had a full opportunity to review these terms and conditions. I have had the opportunity to have these terms and conditions reviewed by a legal counsel of my choosing. In the event of any dispute between the Parties regarding any ambiguity or inconsistency in this terms and conditions, the adjudicating body will use a neutral construction not favouring either Party. I understand and agree that these terms and conditions constitute the full entire agreement between myself and YAF and supersede any prior oral or written understanding or agreement. No modifications, alterations, or amendments may be made to the terms and conditions unless done in writing and agreed to by both parties. I accept these terms freely, I declare my intention to bound by the terms, and I acknowledge it shall be construed broadly to provide a full release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.