



**Standing up for Faith and Freedom**  
April 26 and 27, 2024  
Reston, VA

**Frequently Asked Questions**

***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 about Sunday Mass obligation?***

The seminar agenda typically includes optional Mass on Saturday evening that fulfills your weekly obligation. If, for any reason, we are unable to host Mass during the program, our team will be happy to direct you to a local parish where you can attend a Saturday vigil Mass yourself. You will be excused from the program during that time.

***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 seminar will take place from the Westin Reston Heights (11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191) on Sunday.

***Is travel assistance available?***

Yes—while travel assistance is never guaranteed, Young America's Foundation will gladly consider all **completed** requests. Please [use this link to submit your request for travel assistance](#).

Travel assistance may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with financial need. If you have any questions regarding your submission, please email [travel@yaf.org](mailto:travel@yaf.org).

We will not consider your request until we receive a completed request. Travel assistance essays are due prior to the start of the seminar.

Flights must allow for full-time attendance to be eligible for reimbursement.

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.

***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.

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

Yes! Your generous tax-deductible gift of \$1,700 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) or Reagan National (DCA), you can take the metro to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station on the Silver Line. Our headquarters is about a 10-minute walk from the station.

***What is the cost to attend?***

Thanks to YAF's generous supporters, the fee to attend this program is only \$25. 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?***

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**.

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 and Saturday daytime sessions feature introductions, speakers, and question-and-answer sessions. Friday and Saturday evening will each have a dinner banquet that evening. All seminar sessions will take place in Dale Phelon Hall at Young America's Foundation Headquarters. A full agenda will be emailed to you the week of the program.

***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 and education level 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 at your own expense.

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

We will email a link with the photos included after we sort through the thousands of images. Please be patient.

***Will there be things to enjoy in the city during free time?***

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 9:00 p.m.) and many students go out and enjoy the town at that time each night—the office is about an hour metro ride outside of D.C. If you wish to have more free time in the Washington area, you need to come early or stay late.

### ***What are the terms and conditions of the seminar?***

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 March 3, 2024 will receive a response on March 3, 2024 regarding acceptance. Applicants who apply after March 3, 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 Standing up for Faith and Freedom. 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 April 10, 2024 of my or my child’s inability to attend or I may be charged \$1700 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 April 10, 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 be 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.