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Young Americans for Freedom

Activism Training Seminar

January 24 and 25, 2025

# When should I arrive?

* Your hotel room is available from 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23rd to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th
* Please arrive any time on Thursday
* Conference check in will occur at YAF HQ on Friday, January 24th
* Transportation from the Westin will be provided on Friday morning for conference check-in

# What time does the seminar end?

* The seminar ends after the dinner speaker on Saturday night, around 8:30 p.m.
* You may depart any time on Sunday morning, but please check out of your hotel room 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 seminar.

# What is included?

* 4 days/3 nights in a DC-area business hotel
* Meals from Friday breakfast through Sunday breakfast
* Transportation to/from the hotel and YAF HQ
* Chapter SWAG restock
* Other exclusive Young Americans for Freedom swag and opportunities

# Is travel assistance available?

* While travel assistance is never guaranteed, Young America’s Foundation will gladly
* consider all **completed** requests via this link: <https://forms.gle/ttarPWm5o6w5rV8NA>.
* 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.

# What are the activities during the seminar?

* Training sessions from YAF staff with over 50 years of activism experience
* Bull sessions where you can debate the pressing issues on your campus
* Real-time activism practice at an event or college campus in the area
* Interactive training breakouts about branding, requesting funding, pitching to press, and more!

# Will I have free time during the seminar?

If you want time to explore the area, we recommend arriving early Thursday or departing late Sunday. If you want to extend your stay beyond that at the YAF group rate, please email Jaime Hahn at [jhahn@yaf.org](mailto:jhahn@yaf.org).

# What are the hotel arrangements?

# YAF is providing your hotel room from Thursday to Sunday, when you will check out

# You will be rooming with one person of the same sex, regardless of relation

# We will do our best to accommodate all roommate requests, and 3 or 4 people may room together if they all request each other

* 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 January 10, or you will be liable for any costs associated with the room you do not use.

# 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 Jaime Hahn at [jhahn@yaf.org](mailto:jhahn@yaf.org%20) 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 high school students allowed to attend?

This program is open only to college students currently.

# What is the atmosphere like at the seminar?

The atmosphere of this seminar is like that of a normal college or university. As such, there may be drinking or smoking by those obeying all applicable local and hotel regulations. Anyone not obeying the law will be prosecuted by local police and subject to removal from the seminar at his or her own expense.

# 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 on 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 seminar?

If you fly to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), we recommend taking a taxi or Uber to the hotel. If you fly to Reagan National (DCA), you can 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.

# What is the dress code for this seminar?

Friday and Saturday daytime: casual but respectful

Friday and Saturday dinner: business casual

# 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.

1. 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.
2. Acceptance & Attendance.
3. 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 November 1, 2024 will receive a response on November 1, 2024 regarding acceptance. Applicants that apply after November 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.
4. 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 Activism Training Seminar. 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.
5. 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.
6. Cancellation. Except in case of emergency, if accepted to attend YAF’s event, I must notify YAF by January 10, 2025 of my or my child’s inability to attend or I may be charged $1000 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 January 10, 2025.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.