



YAF HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Any student in grades 9-12 is eligible to attend a high school conference. For programs held during the summer, spring 8th grade and 12th grade graduates are eligible to attend.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The registration fee includes lodging at a hotel, conference materials, transportation during the program, and meals.

ARE PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM?

YAF's programs are designed specifically for students. Some programs include an optional parent dinner.

WILL THERE BE SUPERVISION THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM?

Yes, students will be supervised by YAF staff members who will chaperone and stay in the same hotels for the duration of the event. Students are expected to behave appropriately or will be sent home at their parents' expense. Parents and students must sign a liability waiver and responsibility pledge via DocuSign prior to the event. Even if a student is 18, they are still expected to abide by all rules and curfew.

WHERE WILL STUDENTS STAY?

YAF will provide hotel accommodations for students. Students will have one or two roommates of the same sex, and students may request a roommate on their application. We will do our best to accommodate roommate requests, and students will receive their roommate assignment at hotel check-in.

Students are not allowed in rooms of other students of the opposite sex, even if related.

CAN YAF ACCOMMODATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Yes, there is a field on the application to list dietary restrictions. We can accommodate most dietary needs with advance notice. If we are unable to accommodate, we will reach out to you in advance of the program.

WILL STUDENTS HAVE FREE TIME DURING THE CONFERENCE?

Free time is minimal, and students may not explore town unchaperoned. Students will have approximately a 2-hour break before dinner each day, but they must stay on hotel property, unless chaperoned by YAF staff.

IS TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Travel scholarships may be available on a case-by-case basis for those with demonstrable financial need. While travel scholarships are never guaranteed, Young America's Foundation will gladly consider all completed requests. Apply for a travel scholarship here:

<https://forms.gle/QfyqMDYiWDFJwyc8>

Travel scholarship requests are due prior to the event. Please note, travel assistance is not guaranteed and does not cover ground transportation, baggage fees, seat assignments, travel insurance, etc. Flights must allow for full-time attendance to be eligible for reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding your travel scholarship submission, please email travel@yaf.org.

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 explaining what you hope to gain from the conference and your financial need to Madison Habersetzer at madisonh@yaf.org. We cannot consider your request until we receive this essay.

CAN I SPONSOR A STUDENT TO ATTEND?

Your generous tax-deductible gift 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 because of financial need. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Madison Habersetzer at madisonh@reaganranch.org or call 805-957-1980.

IS THERE AN AIRPORT SHUTTLE?

YAF offers shuttles to and from Dulles International Airport (YAF Headquarters), Santa Barbara Airport (Reagan Ranch), and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (Reagan Boyhood Home). Students will be picked up by a Young America's Foundation staff member at the baggage claim area and will be taken in a shuttle to the conference venue. The specific times of these shuttles will be determined once students submit their travel information a couple weeks prior to the conference. Students will be returned to the airport at the conclusion of the conference.

Shuttles are only guaranteed for students registered to attend the program. Due to limited staffing and vehicles, parents and chaperones should arrange their own transportation to and from the airport, if applicable.