

Student Code of Conduct

YAF expects students participating in YAF-sponsored activities, conferences, and events to conduct themselves at all times in a positive, courteous, and collaborative manner consistent with the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and professionalism. Criminal or inappropriate conduct, even if not related to a student's YAF participation, may result in expulsion from YAF membership and/or immediate removal from a YAF activity, conference, or event. The determination of what constitutes inappropriate conduct shall belong to YAF in its sole and exclusive discretion.

In the event YAF has determined a student may have engaged in criminal or inappropriate conduct and is no longer welcome at a YAF-sponsored activity, conference, or event, the student understands and accepts that he or she must depart immediately. The student's travel home or to another desired location will be entirely at the student's own expense. YAF reserves the right to refuse reimbursement for any costs incurred by a removed student, and YAF further reserves the right to demand reimbursement from a removed student for any costs incurred by YAF associated with bringing the student to the YAF activity, conference, or event in the first place.

The following list of behaviors YAF deems to constitute inappropriate conduct is offered solely as an illustration and is expressly not intended to be all inclusive:

- Unlawful possession or use of illicit drugs, weapons, or alcohol
- Any use or possession of alcohol in the presence of a person under the age of 21, excepting any YAF-sponsored gathering involving supporters
- Arriving at a YAF activity, conference, or event under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs
- Any distribution, sale, transfer, or use of illicit drugs, weapons, or alcohol
- Theft or fraud
- Shouting, fighting, or engaging in aggressive or irresponsible acts
- Intentional or negligent damage to YAF property
- Intentional or negligent damage to hotel, bus, or any other third-party property
- Trespass, including but not limited to unauthorized or unwelcome access to another person's room or property

- Engaging in lewd, obscene, or harassing behavior, including unwelcome touching or surreptitious filming or taking of photos another person without that person's consent
- Using, posting, sending, or otherwise communicating coarse, abusive, intimidating, threatening, obscene, disrespectful, or offensive language, verbal or written
- Disparaging another person's race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy, or veteran status
- Unwelcome sexual advances or conduct
- Any sexual advance or conduct by someone over the age of 18 made toward or involving someone under the age of 18
- A person 18 years of age or older may not be alone in a hotel room or other non-public room with a non-family member under the age of 18, unless YAF has assigned the two individuals as roommates based on age proximity (12 months apart or less) or a confirmed pre-existing relationship
- Any action that endangers or harms others, jeopardizes the security of a YAF activity, conference, or event, or reasonably causes another to fear for his or her safety
- Absence during the course of a YAF conference or event without proper notice to a YAF employee or not due to a legitimate emergency
- Lying to a YAF employee
- Unauthorized access to YAF property or dissemination of confidential or sensitive information belonging to YAF or another person
- Smoking in unauthorized areas, including all YAF properties and hotel rooms
- Violation of safety or health rules
- Any other behavior that reflects poorly on YAF as determined by YAF in its sole and exclusive discretion

By attending any YAF activity, conference, or event, every student implicitly acknowledges and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Student Code of Conduct.