



About Freedoms Foundation

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that educates about American rights and responsibilities, honors acts of civic virtue and challenges all to serve their community and country. It has volunteer chapters all over the United States that support this mission through local programs and fundraising efforts.

Each year Freedoms Foundation provides more than 40,000 hours of educational instruction to students from across the country on America and our democratic system of government. Since its educational mission began, Freedoms Foundation has impacted 5 million students with our citizenship programs.

For more information about
Freedoms Foundation
www.freedomsfoundation.org

National Sojourners Mission

National Sojourners Inc. is a fraternal organization composed of Masons who are serving or have served honorably as members of the uniformed service of the United States or they have been elected to Honorary membership. Their youth outreach mission is to "Teach Young Americans about America!"

Why a Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program?

Through experiential learning and critical thinking exercises, Freedoms Foundation inspires the next generation to take up the responsibilities of citizenship and develop their character and leadership.

Today's youth—tomorrow's leaders—must become the responsible citizens the United States needs, and this responsibility begins with a deep understanding of the principles on which the American government was founded.

“The key to the success of America is an informed and active citizenry.”
- Thomas Jefferson



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JULY 11-14
2024



**NATIONAL
SOJOURNERS
SPIRIT OF AMERICA
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

About the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference

The Spirit of America Youth Leadership conference is a four-day residential program for high school students interested in cultivating a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through thought-provoking, engaging activities.

Led by an experienced faculty and staff, participants explore the democracy in which we live, their leadership skills and engage in the issues of contemporary American life. Activities include:

MOCK CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Participants discuss a current events-based Constitutional problem.

FREE ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Encourages students to explore the world of entrepreneurship and free markets.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Introduces participants to different styles of leadership and character traits demonstrated by the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

VISITS TO VALLEY FORGE AND HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA

Students see history come alive in the birth place of our nation.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY:

- ★ Registration
- ★ Dinner & Welcome
- ★ Orientation & Introductions
- ★ Icebreakers

FRIDAY:

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Living History Presentation
- ★ Freedom Summit Lecture & Debate
- ★ Lunch
- ★ Mock Trial
- ★ Small Group Meetings
- ★ Dinner
- ★ Leadership Workshops
- ★ Swap Meet

SATURDAY:

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Free Enterprise Challenge
- ★ Lunch
- ★ Tour Valley Forge
- ★ Banquet
- ★ Keynote Address
- ★ Signers' Ceremony

SUNDAY:

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Tour of Colonial Philadelphia
- ★ Depart for Home

Scholarship Information

National Sojourners Chapters will competitively select and award interested students, who meet local chapter requirements, full scholarships (tuition and transportation) to the conference.

Program Costs

The cost to attend is \$525 for students and \$265 for chaperones. Cost includes meals, room, and program.

Scholarship Application July 11-14, 2024

Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Male ☐ Female ☐

Grade level for 2024-2025 school year:

☐ 10

☐ 11

☐ 12

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Return application to your local Chapter:

Chapter Name _____

Number: Chapter POC _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Attention Sponsor — To register your student download all forms from www.nationalsojourners.org Americanism Program Tab, complete & mail with payment to Freedoms Foundation no later than **July 1, 2024**.

