

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Utah Chapter
2019 Spirit of America Youth Conference

Information Sheet

Two Separate Groups: March 7-10, 2019 and April 11-14, 2019

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| Student Eligibility | Eleventh grade students who demonstrate leadership qualities, high academic achievement, and exemplary citizenship. |
| How to Apply | <p>Interested students must complete the attached application and provide the requested information. Please submit FOUR COPIES of the application, requested information, and a photograph with each copy, collated and stapled.</p> <p>All applications must be postmarked by Friday, November 16, 2018. If there are questions, please contact Don Ward at 385-414-7985 or Tim Taggart at 801-887-9660.</p> |
| Cost | Total cost of the conference is approximately \$1,200 for tuition, airfare, room, and board. Students selected to attend the conference are asked to pay \$400 toward the total cost. |
| Notification | <p>Semi-finalists will be notified by December 14, 2018 and will be invited for an interview with members of the Utah Chapter Board of Trustees in Salt Lake City on Saturday, January 5, 2019 or in Gunnison on Saturday, January 12, 2019. (Travel expenses to be covered by the student.)</p> <p>Notification of scholarship awards will be <u>sent</u> by January 18, 2019. Between 40–50 students (20-25 per group) will be chosen to attend one of the two sessions of the conference at the Freedoms Foundation national campus in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.</p> |
| Alternates | If for some reason you are unable to attend the Conference on your assigned date, an alternate will be sent in your stead. |
| Commitment | All selected students will be presented, along with their parents, at the Freedoms Foundation Heroes Luncheon in Salt Lake City in February, 2019. A mandatory orientation meeting for students and parents will be held that same day and place, immediately following the luncheon. |
| Website | For more information regarding the Freedoms Foundation please visit: <u>www.freedomsfoundation.org</u> |

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Scholarship Application
(Open to High School Juniors only)

NOTE: ENTIRE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN QUADRUPLICATE (4 copies), EACH COPY COLLATED AND STAPLED, OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

(Please type or print)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____ GPA: _____

Parent(s): _____ *Birthdate
mm/dd/year: _____

Name of School: _____ Principal: _____

* Required by airlines to complete flight reservations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I can attend either conference | <i>Requests are not guaranteed. If you are unable to attend on your assigned date, an alternate will be selected as a replacement.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can only attend March 7-10, 2019 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can only attend April 11-14, 2019 | |

Additional Information Requested:

1. List of extra-curricular activities (may over-lap)
 - a. School activities
 - b. Community service
 - c. Cultural interests and hobbies
2. List of work experience, if applicable
3. Original essay between 500 and 1,000 words. Topic: "How does being a productive member of society help to strengthen the nation??"
4. Photo of self (photocopy acceptable)--will not be returned
5. Commitment sheet (signed by applicant and principal)

Financial Consideration

The Utah Chapter will provide partial scholarship funding (including airfare) and chaperones for students attending the Youth Conference. Each student will be asked to pay a total of \$400 towards the trip to Valley Forge. Students selected are encouraged to seek the aid of interested financial sponsors (individuals, businesses or organizations) to assist them in applying their portion of the expense.

APPLICATION AND REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018. PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Tim Taggart
792 E. 850 N.
Tooele, UT 84074

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COMMITMENT FORM

In the event you are one of the students selected to receive the Scholarship to attend the 2018 Spirit of America Youth Conference, we ask for your commitment to share with your school the patriotic spirit you will gain at Valley Forge.

PATRIOTIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

Please talk with your principal and ask for support to implement a Patriotic Awareness Program for your school during your 12th grade year. This can be done in an assembly, through involvement with student organizations, or through any planned activity that will be best for your school.

Please write your proposed ideas below and then discuss them with your principal and set a tentative date for your activity. (You will be asked to report on your conversation with your principal during the conference.) Then have this sheet approved and signed indicating your commitment and the support of your principal.

STUDENT'S PROPOSED IDEAS (use additional sheet if necessary)

Applicant's Signature

Principal's Signature

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. The Foundation's Volunteer Chapters support this mission through local programs and fund-raising 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, the Foundation has impacted 5 million students with its citizenship programs.

For more information, visit www.freedomsfoundation.org.

SPRIT OF AMERICA APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SCHOOL: _____

DATES ☐ March 7-10 ☐ March 14-17 ☐ April 11-14 ☐ April 25-28

NAME OF SPONSORING CHAPTER: _____

Applicants should complete this form and submit it to their local Volunteer Chapter or to Freedoms Foundation.

WHY A SPIRIT OF AMERICA PROGRAM?

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.

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

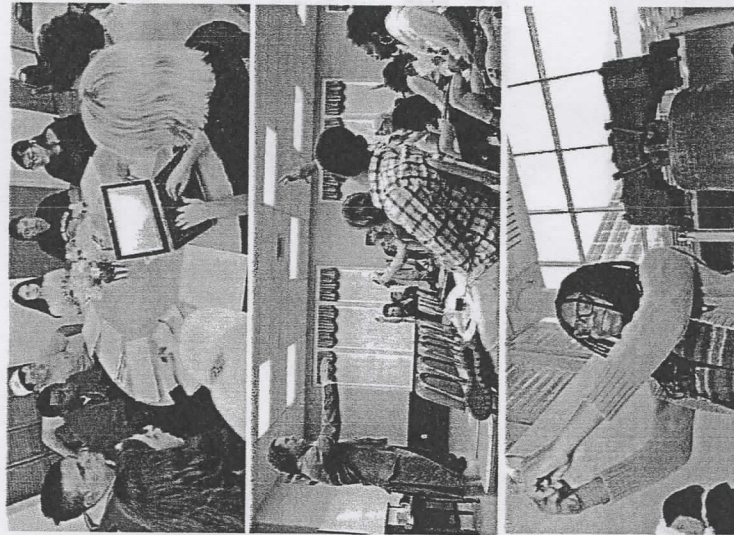
“The key to the success of America is an informed and active citizenry.”
- Thomas Jefferson



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SPIRIT OF AMERICA YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Endorsed by
National Council for the Social Studies
Preparing Students for College,
Career and Civic Life
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March 7 - 10, 2019
March 14 - 17, 2019
April 11 - 14, 2019
April 25 - 28, 2019

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Spirit of America 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.

An experienced faculty and staff lead participants through an exploration of democracy, inspire them to develop their leadership skills and challenge them to engage in the issues of contemporary American life. Activities include:

MOCK CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Discussion of a current events-based Constitutional problem.

FREE ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Explore the world of entrepreneurship and free markets.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Focused on the character of Medal of Honor Recipients and the Five Pillars of community service: Respect, Accountability, Participation, Productivity and Generosity.

VISITS TO VALLEY FORGE AND HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA

Students see history come alive in our nation's birthplace.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Freedoms Foundation's Volunteer Chapters sponsor students from local high schools to attend Spirit of America. Funding provided covers program tuition. Chapters may cover some or all of the travel costs, depending on local policy. The selection process is determined by local chapters, and may include an essay by student applicants or an interview. To contact your local chapter, visit www.freedomsfoundation.org.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- ★ High-performing students with leadership potential
- ★ Students in grades 9 - 12 — though chapter may limit
- ★ Students with a desire to learn and a willingness to grow

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

For more information, contact Carolyn Santangelo at csantangelo@ffvf.org or 610-933-8825, ext. 234.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY:

- ★ Registration
- ★ Dinner & Welcome
- ★ Orientation & Introductions
- ★ Committee Selections

FRIDAY:

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Living History Presentation
- ★ Freedom Summit, Part One
- ★ Lunch
- ★ Freedom Summit, Part Two
- ★ Small Group Debrief
- ★ Committee Meetings
- ★ Dinner
- ★ Leadership Workshops
- ★ Swap Meet & Ice Cream Social

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

- ★ Breakfast
- ★ Tour Historic Philadelphia
- ★ Depart for Home

