

About the Freedoms Foundation

Our History:

The Freedoms Foundation was established in 1949 as a not-for-profit educational organization by Ken Wells, Don Belding, and E.F. Hutton. President Dwight D. Eisenhower served as its first chairman and chairman emeritus until his death in 1969. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is supported primarily by voluntary contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, service organizations, endowment funds, and its volunteer chapters.



Medal of Honor Grove:

The Foundation's Medal of Honor Grove is a 52-acre memorial commemorating the sacrifices of those Americans who received the nation's highest honor for valor - the Congressional Medal of Honor. A one-acre parcel of the wooded Grove is dedicated to each of the 50 states, plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.



Our Volunteer Chapters:

The Freedoms Foundation has over 30 volunteer chapters nationwide. Over 3,000 volunteer members support the Foundation's mission, including recruiting and financing student education programs, coordinating various awards programs, and organizing local events to promote community service and responsible citizenship.



Our Campus:

The Foundation, located on an 85-acre campus in historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, (approximately 25 miles west of Philadelphia), offers students a unique "learning and living" experience. Our campus includes 10 classic brick colonial buildings that serve as residence halls, classrooms, an administration building, and a non-denominational chapel.



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*Educating
our youth*

*Promoting
the ideals and principles
of a free society*

*Recognizing
outstanding civic
achievements*

*Cultivating
excellence in
education*

*Inspiring
tomorrow's leaders*



Educating Leaders for Over 40 Years



Investing in Our Youth, Our Schools, and Our Communities

Founded in 1949, the Freedoms Foundation is a national, not-for-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. The Freedoms Foundation provides a wide range of educational and awards programs for students, teachers, and citizens to cultivate a greater awareness of U.S. history, constitutional rights, citizen responsibilities, student entrepreneurship, and youth leadership development.

Youth Education & Leadership

Elementary & Middle School Programs:

These workshops help younger students develop a greater knowledge and appreciation of American history. Visits to important historical sites, such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Ellis Island, and Valley Forge National Park, among others, complement the Freedoms Foundation classroom instruction. Special appearances and presentations by actors portraying Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington "bring history to life."

American Leaders Youth Summit:

A three-day conference for high school students to interact with experts on citizenship, democracy, the free enterprise system, the judicial system, and the American political process. The program includes thought-provoking lectures, historical tours, and experiential workshops, all designed to develop leadership skills and deepen an understanding of the value of engaged citizenship.

Price of Freedom Conference:

Designed for Eagle Scouts or Venturing Scouts that have earned the Silver Award, this program challenges participants to learn about the sacrifices made



to establish and protect the ideals of a free society. In addition to discussions and guest lectures on current issues of citizenship, patriotism, leadership, and heroism, the program includes tours of Colonial Philadelphia and Valley Forge National Park.



Youth Leadership Programs:

The Freedoms Foundation presents education workshops designed to nurture and cultivate student leadership. These programs help students gain a better understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a free society, the importance of community service, and other citizenship-related topics.

The Student Entrepreneur Experience:



A week-long program that gives high school students, particularly those from low-income, at-risk environments, the chance to develop self-confidence and career skills that can point them on a positive path. The curriculum includes team-building, economics, business plan development, marketing, the free enterprise system, and entrepreneurship.

Service Learning in Public Policy:

An advanced, week-long leadership program designed to educate, inspire and prepare academically-motivated high school students. The program includes a field service/learning experience, public policy courses and discussions, and workshops in leadership and communications to help students prepare for the college application process.

Supporting America's Teachers

Graduate Teacher Programs:

Every summer, the Freedoms Foundation gives teachers the opportunity to continue their professional development in the areas of American history and contemporary issues pertaining to the American political process. These accredited graduate courses include the American Revolution, Presidential History & Heritage, the Civil War, the U.S. Constitution, and other topics.

The Leavey Awards for Free Enterprise Education:

For over 30 years, the Freedoms Foundation and the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation have recognized outstanding teachers for excellence in free enterprise and entrepreneurial education. Over \$3 million in grants have been awarded to nearly 500 teachers across the country.



Recognizing Community Leaders

National Awards:

Every year, the Freedoms Foundation and its Volunteer Chapters seek to recognize exemplary civic achievements of citizens from all walks of life. Since

1949, over 56,000 individuals and organizations have been honored for their efforts to promote citizenship, volunteerism, and community service.

Distinguished Awards:

The Freedoms Foundation Distinguished Awards have honored outstanding citizens whose actions and accomplishments serve as a model to inspire others. Recipients have included Persian Gulf War General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, tennis great Arthur Ashe, Bob and Elizabeth Dole, John Glenn, and Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

