

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.
SPIRIT OF AMERICA
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A unique program for high school students, the American Leaders Youth Summit offers a rare opportunity for participation in a four-day residential program. It focuses on the discussion of current issues facing the United States from a historical and global perspective on constitutional law and government. Student participants from around the country will be challenged to articulate their views and perceptions about their constitutional rights and responsibilities as citizens while interacting and working collaboratively with their peers on various projects. Expert faculty will conduct seminars and lead students in discussions and on field trips to Philadelphia and Valley Forge. Students will also participate in their own Freedom Summit working on simulations of Congressional debate dealing with Bill of Rights concepts. Students will also learn about our economic system and entrepreneurship through the free enterprise challenge as they will invent and market a product to their peers.

The Freedoms Foundation is dedicated to effectively communicating to young people the principles upon which our nation was founded and balances of rights and responsibilities of its citizens in an increasingly diverse society. Since 1965, the educational offerings of the Foundation have challenged participants to explore their role as citizens today and in the future. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The key to the success of America would be an informed and active citizenry." Freedoms Foundation's programs aim to achieve this goal. Now more than ever, creating an informed and involved American public is one the greatest challenges facing our democracy. There is an urgent need for our youth-the leaders of yesterday, today and tomorrow to embrace the values and practices essential to responsible citizenship in a free society, beginning with a solid understanding of the principles upon which American government was founded.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Thursday

Student Registration
Medal of Honor Grove Scavenger Hunt
Dinner and Welcome
Orientation and Introduction to Committees
Social Mixers and Refreshments

Friday

Breakfast
Freedom Summit (part 1)
Lunch
Freedom Summit (part 2)
Small Group Meetings
Dinner
Living History Presentation
Swap Meet

Saturday

Breakfast
Building of the Flag
Small Group Meetings
Lunch
Living History Presentation
Tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park
Banquet
Keynote Address
Vespers
Signers Ceremony
Talent Show

Sunday

Breakfast
Tour of Colonial Philadelphia
Departures for Home

Tuition - \$440.00 per participant

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

JULY 19-22, 2012

(SEND TO SPONSORING CHAPTER)

Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Male _____ Female _____

Grade level for 2011-2012 school year:
10th _____ 11th _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Return to:

Chapter Name/Number _____

Chapter POC _____

Phone No. _____

E-Mail: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Attention Sponsor—To register your student download all forms from at www.nationalsojourners.com Americanism Program Tab, complete & mail with payment to Freedoms Foundation no later than July 1, 2012

ABOUT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, founded in 1949, celebrates the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights and their relevance to our daily lives. Our goal is to educate and inspire students and their teachers with the words, meaning and emotion that these founding documents convey, utilizing interactive programs that explore our history and debates that focus on Constitutional concepts in this changing world. Each year, more than 3,000 elementary and secondary school students from across the country visit the historic Valley Forge campus to learn about America. The Foundation immerses students in a living history educational experience that engages them in topics critical to the future of freedom. For more information about the Freedoms Foundation visit:
www.freedomsfoundation.org

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC. MISSION

National Sojourners, Inc. is a fraternal organization composed of Masons and who have served honorably as commissioned, warrant, and senior-noncommissioned officers in the uniformed service of the United States or have been elected to Honorary membership. Their youth outreach mission is to "Teach Young Americans about America!"



Freedoms Foundation was the best way to spend the past three days! I am appreciative of having had this opportunity to focus on the history of freedom and of our nation. Bravo!
Conference Participant

I didn't know what to expect when I first came to FFVF, but I feel that it was truly a great experience and it gave me a further deeper motivation to follow the goals that I have set for myself and to dream big!
Conference Participant

This has been a truly amazing experience, and I am thankful to have been chosen to come here!
Conference Participant

I have never experienced anything like what I've witnessed this weekend. Meeting other kids from different states I was able to understand fully the different levels of leadership, and what it takes to communicate with other people. I hope that this organization will continue to inspire future generations of young students.
Conference Participant

I had a great time meeting new friends and discussing important topics in our current society. I will carry the lessons learned from this with me for life."
Conference Participant



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Register today and you can help shape the future by exploring and developing your potential as a citizen and leader for tomorrow.

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