

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.

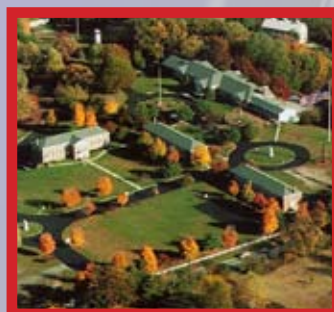
Our Volunteer Chapters:

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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Student Entrepreneur Experience

Recognizing
Potential



Nurturing
Aspirations



Empowering Future
Youth Entrepreneurs



Preparing, Inspiring and Empowering Tomorrow's Business Leaders

Program Overview

The Student Entrepreneur Experience is a week-long program that helps promising students from low-income communities gain vital business, entrepreneurial and career skills. The students work closely with an experienced staff, faculty and actual business professionals to learn about entrepreneurship, the free enterprise system, and how to create and manage a business.

Program Highlights

The program exposes students to a concentrated study of business and personal development activities, including:

- Economics & Finance
- Mathematics
- Business Planning
- Sales & Marketing
- Computer Skills
- Career Planning
- Communications/Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Ethics
- Team Building
- Self Esteem
- Responsible Citizenship



The Student Entrepreneur Experience helps students to...

- learn practical business concepts
- appreciate the importance of education and financial security
- discover and develop their skills and talents
- gain self-confidence
- build strong academic, entrepreneurial and life skills
- find a future filled with hope and promise



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

-Student Participant

"This trip will be a lasting experience in my mind. It gave me further and deeper motivation to pursue the goals I have set."

-Student Participant

A Positive Learning & Living Environment

Students spend the week (7 days/6 evenings) at the Freedoms Foundation's Valley Forge campus, which includes on-site dormitories, classrooms, and dining halls. This allows staff to work on issues of self-esteem and motivation while exposing the students to a positive, supportive, and encouraging environment.



Full Scholarship Program

In order to make the program available to students from low-income and at-risk communities, the Freedoms Foundation works with supporters and benefactors to cover the costs of the program, which include lodging, meals, staff and faculty, speaker honoraria, supplies and materials. The generosity of corporations, philanthropic foundations and individual donors enables the Freedoms Foundation to extend scholarships to qualifying students.



A Rich History in Entrepreneurial Education

Since 1977, the mission of the Freedoms Foundation has promoted the importance of free enterprise curriculum from elementary grades through the high school level. For over 30 years the organization, in association with the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, has presented the Annual Leavey Awards to recognize excellence in the teaching of entrepreneurship.

To date, over 400 outstanding teachers from across the country have received nearly \$3.5 million in grant awards. The Freedoms Foundation Student Entrepreneur Experience is based on program curriculum developed by teacher David Kaplan, a past Leavey Award winner.



Sample Schedule

Day 1

Student arrival & check-in
Dinner
Orientation
Ice Cream Social

Day 2

Breakfast
Low Ropes
Communication/Leadership Skills Workshop
Business Plan Development
Computer Lab
Stock Market Game
Lunch
Classroom Instruction
Business Ethics
Dinner
Company Meetings
Leadership Activity

Day 3

Breakfast
Classroom Instruction
Lunch
Classroom Instruction
Free Time
Dinner
Company Meetings
Leadership Activity

Day 4

Breakfast
Classroom Instruction
Lunch
Classroom Instruction
Free Time
Dinner
Freedom Olympics
Company Meetings

Day 5

Breakfast
Classroom Instruction
Lunch
Classroom Instruction
Free Time
Dinner
Company Meetings
Presentation Dry Run & Critique

Day 6

Breakfast
Presentation Preparation
Lunch
Project Presentation & Judging
Free Time
Dinner & Banquet Program
Keynote Speaker
Dance

Day 7

Breakfast
Wrap Up Session

Classroom instruction includes: economics; public speaking and presentation skills; computer science and graphic arts; stock market fundamentals; business plan development; marketing; finance; principles of management; and leadership and career development.