

The Competitive Edge for College

Program starts
July 8 -13, 2012



Public Health Policy

Environmental Policy

Legal Policy

- Engaged citizenship through service
- Critical thinking to address critical issues
- For students interested in:

Healthcare, Nursing, and Medicine

Law, Government, and Politics

Energy, Conservation, and the Environment

presented by
 **Freedoms Foundation**
at Valley Forge™
Educating Leaders for Over 40 Years





Attending the SLIPP Program intertwined all of an ordinary teen's desires: to meet new people from new places, learn more about his or herself, have fun, and acquire knowledge that is relateable to one's own future.

- Lynn G., Philadelphia, PA
Student Participant

Service Learning in Public Policy is an exceptional program. I highly recommend it for parents who want their children to experience engaged citizenship.

- Dom Giordano
Teacher-Turned-Talk Show Host
WPHT (1210 Radio), Philadelphia, PA

Service Learning in Public Policy is a truly worthy program that provides a growth-filled and learning opportunity. Many of our high school students attended Service Learning in Public Policy and we received tremendous feedback on their experience. It's a great leadership program that thinks outside the box and beyond the typical classroom experience.

- Mary Rochford
Superintendent of Schools
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA

SLiPP was the most rewarding experience of my life. I'll never forget my week there and I will always remember the people I met along the way.

- Grace O., Philadelphia, PA
Student Participant

One of my students attended this outstanding program and it was a great experience for him. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to unlock their leadership potential and to discover how they can make a difference in their world.

- Joann Fantina
Teacher • Immaculata High School
Somerville, NJ

I have attended a few programs in the past, but I have to say that SLiPP was by far the most beneficial and rewarding... Without the activities and lessons during the week, I wouldn't feel quite so confident about my potential major as I do now. SLiPP truly directed me to the right path.

- Conor D., Manhattan Beach, CA
Student Participant

It was definitely worth the trip from Boston to have this experience of a lifetime. I met so many great people from all over the country at SLiPP, whom I am still friends with to this day. I will never forget the leadership and life lessons that I learned.

- Maria D., Boston, MA
Student Participant

SLiPP was one of best experiences of my life from the college visits to the hands-on activities, and the public health section really showed me what fields of work I'll be interested in studying.

- Chapin D., Boca Raton, FL
Student Participant



An exceptional leadership program designed to educate, inspire and prepare academically-motivated high school students.

Presented by the Freedoms Foundation, **Service Learning in Public Policy** is an advanced leadership development program for high school achievers who want to learn how to be catalysts for positive change in the world. The week-long program includes a service learning experience, public policy courses and discussions, and workshops in leadership and communications to help students prepare for the college application process.

Award-Winning Curriculum

The curriculum for Service Learning in Public Policy is based on **Project Citizen**, a national civics education program developed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Congress through the U.S. Department of Education. This award-winning curriculum educates and empowers students so that they can monitor and influence public policy through active participation in local and state government.



Class Selection

Students are invited to attend the program through recommendations and school nominations. Selections are based on the following criteria:

- Students in 9th, 10th or 11th grade who show leadership potential and a desire for community service
- Strong academics (minimum 3.5 weighted GPA)
- Recommendations from school principals, teachers, guidance counselors or community leaders

A Unique Learning & Living Experience

Students will spend the week at the Freedoms Foundation 85-acre campus, which includes dormitories, classrooms and dining facilities, all adjacent to historic Valley Forge National Park. The program will provide students the opportunity to explore issues that interest them while meeting other students who are equally motivated and gifted.

Leadership Certification

Each student will receive a certificate verifying participation. Students are strongly encouraged to list their conference participation on their college applications. Program staff will be willing to write letters of recommendation commensurate with the performance of the student.



Environmental Policy

Students participating in the environmental policy track will learn about the scientific, legal, economic and political dimensions of environmental issues. Students will explore such issues as global warming, recycling, energy, environmental stewardship, water reclamation, corporate social responsibility and land use policies. Students will spend a day of service at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center, part of an EPA Superfund Site and afterward work with experts to determine possible courses of action to change policy.



Ideal for students interested in ecology, science, environmentalism and green energy.

Legal Policy

This concentration is designed for students who want to make a difference in the evaluation and development of policy in the fields of crime, law and justice. Students will focus on key legal issues facing society, such as homelessness, the criminal justice system, immigration, community policing, and veterans affairs. Students will volunteer for a day with the Montgomery County DA's office to learn about public policy issues in an urban setting. Experts in the field will meet with the students to help them understand their service learning experience and develop a plan to affect positive social change.



Perfect for students interested in studying law and criminal justice.

Public Health Policy

Participants will focus on public health issues like vaccinations, disease, hunger, health care reform, and drug policy. Students will volunteer at Center for Non-Violence at Drexel University School of Public Health in Philadelphia to learn first-hand about the healthcare issues that are dominating public consciousness. Experts will conduct discussions and workshops with the students to take their experience and formulate effective policy recommendations.



Perfect for students interested in medicine, nursing and pharmacy.

The Competitive Edge for College

The college application process is not just competitive, it can be complex and often intimidating. In addition to service learning, which all colleges and universities look for when evaluating applicants, every student will be coached in the art of the college application process. This preparation includes effective resume and personal essay writing, leadership development and interviewing skills, leadership development, and the opportunity to meet with admissions counselors from top schools in the region. Past participating schools have included Villanova University, Saint Joseph University, the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, Drexel University, and West Chester University.



Learn how to create a compelling college application that truly stands out.

Sample Schedule*

SUNDAY

2 PM - 6 PM Arrivals and Registrations
 6:00 Dinner
 7:00 Orientation (including volunteering for committees)
 Ice Breakers • Leadership & Personality Workshop
 9:30 Pod Meeting: Reflect on the Day & Preview Monday • Journaling
 10:15 S'Mores and Campfire
 11:15 Return to Dorms
 11:45 Lights out

MONDAY

8:00 AM Committee Meetings
 8:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Energizers & Newscast
 9:30 Team Building Workshop
 Division into Small Groups • Obstacle Course • Low Ropes Activities
 11:00 Pod Rotation I
 Resume Writing Workshop — Legal & Environmental
 Introduction to Project Citizen — Public Health
 12:30 PM Lunch
 1:30 Pod Rotation II
 Resume Writing Workshop — Public Health
 Introduction to Project Citizen — Legal & Environmental
 2:30 Break
 3:00 Keynote: "A Citizen's Role in Public Policy"
 Jeremy Yamaguchi • City of Placentia Councilman
 4:00 Pod Meeting: Assign Readings in Policy Pods
 Focus on Defining Public Policy
 5:00 Break
 5:30 Dinner
 6:00 Explanation of Service
 6:30 Keynote: "Public Health Concerns for the 21st Century"
 Dr. Paul Currier, MD, MPH • Harvard Medical School
 9:00 Pod Meeting • Journal Time
 9:45 Ice-Cream Social
 10:30 Return to Dorms
 11:00 Lights Out

TUESDAY

6:30 AM Breakfast for Environmental Track
 7:00 Environmental Bus leaves for Palmerton Zinc Superfund Site
 7:15 Breakfast for Legal and Public Health Tracks
 8:00 Board Busses for Day of Service
 9:00 Service Learning
 Drexel University School of Public Health & Hahnemann Hospital
 Lehigh Gap Nature Center • Montgomery County DA's Office
 Lunches will be provided for the day
 3:00 Depart for Freedoms Foundation
 5:00 Visit King of Prussia Mall • Shopping and Dinner
 7:30 Return to Freedoms Foundation
 8:00 Pod Meetings: Debrief Service and Research in Pods • Journal Time
 10:00 Return to Dorms
 11:00 Lights Out

WEDNESDAY

7:45 AM Committee Meetings
 8:15 Breakfast
 8:45 Energizers & News Committee
 9:15 Keynote: "Crime, Law and Justice in Today's World"
 Risa Vetri Ferman • Montgomery County DA
 10:15 Break
 10:45 Pod Meetings: Policy Identification and Selection
 12:00 Noon Lunch
 1:00 PM Keynote: "Environmental Policy — Protecting Our Planet"
 Professor Diane Husic • Moravian College
 2:00 Break
 2:30 Pod Rotation I
 Essay Writing Workshop — Legal & Environmental
 Outline Policy Presentation — Public Health
 3:45 Pod Rotation II
 Essay Writing Workshop — Public Health
 Outline Policy Presentation — Legal & Environmental
 5:00 Break
 6:00 Dinner
 7:00 "Navigating the College Admissions Process"
 Panel Discussion with University Admissions Counselors
 9:00 Pod Meeting: Debrief Day & Preview Thursday • Journal Writing
 10:00 Return to Dorm
 11:00 Lights Out

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Committee Meetings
 8:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Energizers & News Committee
 9:30 Small Group Work: Finalizing Presentation Outline
 11:15 Break
 11:30 Communication Workshop — Verbal & Non Verbal Communications
 Tara Musser • Communications Professor, West Chester University
 12:30 PM Lunch
 1:00 Presentation Preparation and Script Development
 4:00 Rehearsal
 5:30 Break
 6:00 Load Bus for Arnold's Family Fun Center • Dinner, Lazer Tag,
 Go Karts, Arcade Games
 8:00 Return to Freedoms Foundation
 8:30 Finalize Presentations Based on Feedback
 10:00 Pod Meetings and Journaling
 10:45 Talent Show
 11:30 Return to Dorms
 12:00 AM Lights Out

FRIDAY

7 AM Breakfast
 9:00 Presentations • 10 minutes + 5 minutes of questions
 12 Noon Banquet lunch
 12:45 PM Awards and Keynote
 2:30 Buses leave for airport
 Goodbye and good luck



Public Health
 Prevent. Promote. Protect.



* schedule subject to change



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Student Reservation Form

Student Name _____

Gender: Male Female Birth Date _____

AREA OF CONCENTRATION

Legal Policy Environment Policy Public Health Policy

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

TUITION & PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Tuition is \$1,150 • Special Alumni Rate \$950 • Includes tuition, room and board, field trips, and program materials

If student is an alumni of a past Freedoms Foundation Program, check here

A Deposit of \$250 is required. Complete payment due no later than June 27, 2012.

THREE EASY WAYS TO PAY:

Enclose check, money order or complete credit card authorization below.

Check Enclosed Money Order Enclosed (Make Payable to Freedoms Foundation)

Credit Card  

Credit Card Number - - -

Expiration Date /
Month Year

Cardholder's Name _____

Billing Address _____

Signature (REQUIRED) _____

(Authorization for Payment: This signature verifies that I am the authorized signer and that I designate tuition to be paid via the credit card provided)

You can fax credit card reservations to 610.935.0522

To charge by phone or for further information: 610.933.8825 x292

Mail payments to:

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
PO Box 67
1601 Valley Forge Road
Valley Forge, PA 19481



Educating Student Leaders for Over 40 years

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.



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 buildings that serve as residence halls, classrooms, an administration building, and a non-denominational chapel.

Educational Programs:

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. These include:

- **History Encounters** - a residential program for elementary and middle school students to develop a greater knowledge and appreciation of American history

- **Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference** - 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

- **Price of Freedom** - a nation-wide program presented for Eagle Scouts featuring discussions and guest lectures on current issues of citizenship, patriotism, leadership, and heroism

- **The Student Entrepreneur Experience** - an award-winning program that teaches high school students about entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system

