



September 24, 2020

Educators,

With great pleasure, we announce that the Utah Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge will again provide the opportunity for selected 11th grade students throughout Utah to attend the 2021 *Spirit of America Youth Conference* at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Those students selected may attend one of two sessions held **March 18-21, 2021** or **April 15-18, 2021**.

Each student will participate in a four-day conference for high school students from across the country to interact with college professors and historical interpreters. The program also includes tours of Valley Forge, Independence Hall, Constitution Center, and the Liberty Bell.

This past spring, 64 students from 30 different Utah public, private, and charter high schools from across the state were selected for this conference. Your support is crucial to make sure your school is represented. Please make certain all interested 11th grade students in your school are made aware of this opportunity by furnishing them copies of the attached conference information. Please make copies to give to school counselors and history teachers.


Semi-finalists will be invited to participate in an interview with Freedoms Foundation Board members in Salt Lake City or Gunnison.

Students will be required to pay \$400 of the total estimated cost of \$1,200. The Utah Freedoms Foundation Scholarship Fund will cover the remaining costs of the conference. **Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, November 20, 2020, and mailed to the address listed on the application.**

Since its founding in 1949, more than two million students have been impacted by the Freedoms Foundation programs. The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is a nonpartisan, nonprofit foundation founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

For more information visit: www.freedomsfoundation.org

Sincerely,


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Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Utah Chapter
2021 Spirit of America Youth Conference

Information Sheet

Three Separate Groups: March 18-21, 2021, April 15-18, 2021

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 20, 2020. If there are questions, please contact Dennis Randall at 801-633-6127</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 18, 2020 and will be invited for an interview with members of the Utah Chapter Board of Trustees in Salt Lake City on Saturday, January 9, 2021 or in Gunnison on Saturday, January 16, 2021. (Travel expenses to be covered by the student.)</p> <p>Notification of scholarship awards will be <u>sent</u> by January 22, 2021. 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, 2021. 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: ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN QUADRUPLICATE (4 copies), WITH EACH COPY COLLATED AND STAPLED, OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. PLEASE PLACE THIS SHEET ON THE TOP.

(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: _____

I give permission for my child to apply for, and if selected, to attend the 2021 Spirit of America Youth Conference:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please select each week you are available to attend:

___ March 18-21, 2021

___ April 15-18, 2021

Requests are not guaranteed. If you are unable to selected as a replacement.

*Required by airline for ticketing

Additional Information Requested:

1. List of extra-curricular activities (may over-lap) including school activities, community service, cultural interests, etc.
2. List of work experience, if applicable
3. Original essay between 500 and 1,000 words. Topic: **"What happens when a community no longer respects private property?"**
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 20, 2020. PLEASE MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

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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 2021 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