

About American Legion Auxiliary

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is the worlds largest patriotic women's organization in the world with representation in 8,900 communities across the United States, as well as a presence in eight territories/foreign countries.

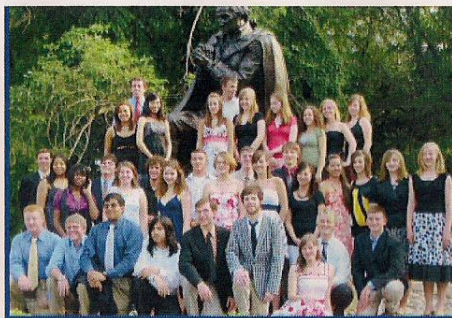
Its nearly 900,000 members support the programs of the American Legion and are a strong voice advocating for veterans, members of the military, and our children.

From 1980 - 2010, the Auxiliary has been a proud sponsor of the Americanism Youth Conference hosted by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Though the Americanism Committee is no longer able to financial sponsor this conference, ALA continues to support Freedoms Foundation's efforts to inspire patriotism and good citizenship, as well as instill a sense of pride and respect for our country and American values. ALA firmly believes that our young people need more opportunities like this so that they can truly appreciate our history, freedoms, and American way of life. For more information on ALA programs or membership opportunities visit www.legion-aux.org.

About the 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



Why an American Leaders Youth Summit?

The American Legion Auxiliary continues to support Freedoms Foundation's efforts at inspire young people to become engaged citizens committed to participating in our democracy. Both organizations are dedicated to effectively communicating to young people the principles upon which our nation was founded and the balance 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.



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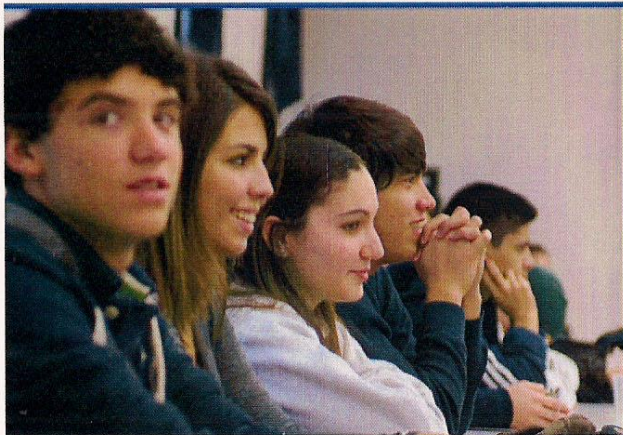
A unique program for high school students, the American Leaders Youth Summit offers a rare opportunity for participation in a four-day residential program. It focuses on the discussion of current issues facing the United States from a historical and global perspective on constitutional law and government.

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.

Experienced and 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 democracy dealing with current issues facing our country.

"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."

Freedom's Foundation
Student Participant



Applicant Requirements:

- Secure sponsorship by an American Legion Auxiliary Unit, American Legion Post, or SAL Squadron.
- Be a student in good standing in grades 10, 11, or 12.
- Show demonstrated leadership potential through extra-curricular activities and community service.

A Supervised Schedule:

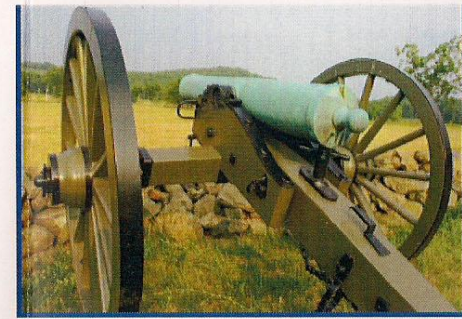
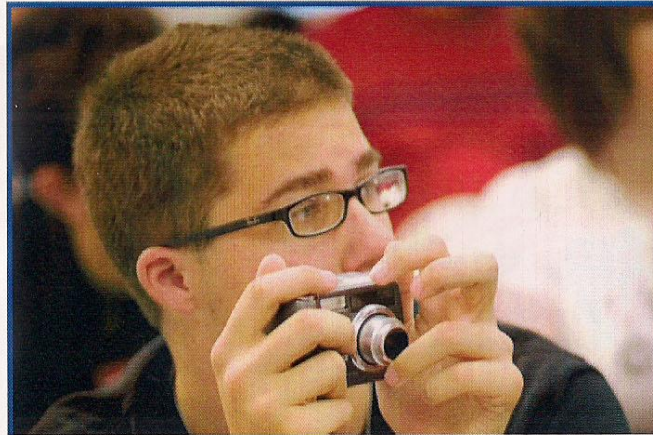
Students sleep in one of two dorm buildings and take their meals as a group on-site. Adult program staff are on-duty 24-hours a day for the duration on the program.

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Scholarship Information:

The cost of the American Leaders Youth Summit for ALA sponsored participants is \$450. These fees cover program cost, room and board, transportation between Philadelphia International Airport and Freedom's Foundation's campus in Valley Forge.

ALA Departments and Units and American Legion Departments and Posts do offer some scholarships to defray some or all the costs of the program and even travel stipends may be available. Contact your local American Legion or Auxiliary representatives to inquire about scholarships and financial support.



Schedule of Events:

Thursday: Registration
Dinner & Welcome
Orientation & Introductions
Social

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

Saturday: Breakfast
Small Group Meetings
Lunch
Living History Presentation
Tour Valley Forge
Banquet
Special Keynote Address
Signers' Ceremony
Talent Show

Sunday: Breakfast
Tour of Colonial Philadelphia
Depart for Home



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