



## American Independence Foundation *of Colonial Virginia*

### Youth Leadership Conferences



Conducted under the auspices of the Military Order of the World Wars, sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and affiliated with the National Sojourners, Inc, HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation), and the Joe Foss Institute for Leadership.

The **American Independence Foundation** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(19) organization operated by veterans and offers an outstanding, nationally respected, 4-day Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) in the Jamestown-Williamsburg-Yorktown area of Virginia for up to 45 selected high school juniors and sophomores. Founded in April, 2002, our upcoming **November 13-16, 2008** YLC will be our 12th, and our students have consistently rated us over 3.5 on a 4 point scale. The Application submission deadline date is **Monday, October 13, 2008** – please contact us if there is any problem with meeting this deadline.

We desire JROTC and non-JROTC students in our classes. Therefore, we respectfully ask the JROTC leaders receiving this to please forward this flyer to their school's principal and/or guidance office so that others may learn about and participate with us.

#### **Sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary School Principals**

Onsite registration begins at 3 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2008, and the conference ends at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 16. Our conference guidelines, as established by the **Military Order of the World Wars**, are to provide a 50-30-20 ratio of **Leadership, Patriotism, and the Free Enterprise System** information, respectively.

★ Our program is affiliated with the **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**, and the students may opt to sign up for 2 or 3 elective and transferable college credits in Citizenship for attending our 4-day conference. This option cost an additional \$110 or \$165 respectively.

Our unique program is conducted at the Jamestown 4-H Education Center near **Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and a ten minute walk from Jamestown Settlement**. We include guided study tours of Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown Victory Center, and the Jamestown Settlement.

We provide current and historic leaders (business and government) to discuss leadership in their respective area of expertise. The conference also includes interactive group leadership challenges designed to teach and highlight the students' group leadership skills.

This is a jam-packed, fast-paced, exciting opportunity for students to network and become friends with other students from around the U.S. while learning more about the America, as it was and as it is. Over the last 6 years, our students have traveled from **CA, FL, KY, LA, MD, MO, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, and VA.**

- This is not a boot camp requiring uniforms or physical prowess, but a structured conference, where the students will be allowed to dress casually, but respectfully, at all times. We have no formal "dress-up" requirements.
- The **selection criteria**, an **application**, and a **brochure** (in Adobe PDF format) may be downloaded and printed out from our website, [www.aifcv.org](http://www.aifcv.org).
- We provide 4 vetted adult chaperones and 2 to 4 returning HS senior counselors, but other adults may apply to chaperone their students. All volunteers over 18 must be vetted by AIFCV and take a 30 minute youth protection program offer by the Boy Scouts of America. The cost for chaperones above our base staff will be \$250. Please contact for details.
- Interested educators or students seeking tuition and/or transportation assistance may want to consider contacting local charitable/community organizations, such as their local Military Order of the World Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Sojourners, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, or Exchange, Ruritan, Lions Clubs, and the like, for tuition or travel assistance.
- More complete information about our YLC can be obtained from our website's "Conference Information" page at [www.aifcv.org/Conference.htm](http://www.aifcv.org/Conference.htm)
- Some may want to start planning for our April 23-26 or November 12-15, 2009 YLC.

The tuition is **\$300** per student, which covers everything, except to-from transportation, and any mementos the student may wish to purchase at the tour sites.

Please see our website at [www.aifcv.org](http://www.aifcv.org) where you can find and print out the **Application**.

Please call or email us with any questions, and please get your applications in before the deadline date of Oct 13, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration,

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