



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 Adams State College of Colorado, and affiliated with the National Sojourners, Inc, HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation), and the Joe Foss Institute for Leadership.

Helping Young Students Appreciate Patriotism and America's Freedoms

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 50 selected high school juniors and sophomores. Founded in April, 2002, our upcoming **May 6 - 9, 2010** YLC will be our 14th, and our students have consistently rated us 3.5 or better on a 4 point scale. The application submission deadline date is 60 days prior, Friday, **March 6, 2010** – please contact us if there is any problem with meeting this deadline.

Over the 8 years we've been in business, our students have traveled from **CA, FL, KY, LA, MD, MO, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, WI** and all over **VA**.

Our 4-day program costs \$300 per student and includes everything except transportation to-from and any memento purchases at the historic tour sites.

★ We desire JROTC and non-JROTC students in our classes. Therefore, we respectfully ask the JROTC leaders receiving this Flyer to please forward it to their school's principal and/or guidance office so that others may learn about and participate with us – **we accept 2 JROTC and 2 non-JROTC student per high school.**

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Onsite registration begins at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2010, and the conference ends at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 9. 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 currently affiliated with the Adams State College of Colorado so that the students may opt to sign up for 2 elective and transferable college credits in Citizenship for attending our 4-day conference and completing a 500 word essay following the conference. This option costs an additional \$130.

Our unique program is conducted at the Jamestown 4-H Education Center near **Colonial Williamsburg**, and it is a **ten minute walk from the Jamestown**

Settlement. We include guided study tours of Colonial Williamsburg, and other historic sites such as Jamestown Settlement, or Yorktown Victory Center.

We provide current and historic business and government leaders to discuss leadership, patriotism and entrepreneurship in their respective areas of expertise. The conference also includes interactive group leadership challenges designed to teach and highlight our goals and the students' group leadership skills.

This is a jam-packed, fast-paced, and exciting opportunity for students to network and become friends with other students from around the U.S. while learning more about America, as it was and as it is.

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" requirement.

- ★ An **Application** and a **brochure** (in Adobe PDF format) may be downloaded and printed out from our website at www.aifcv.org.
- ★ We provide 4 vetted & trained 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 offered 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 and/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

Please see our website at 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.

Thank you for your consideration,

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