



San Diego County Chapter APPLICATION for  
2018 Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program\* @ Valley Forge  
Followed by a Stay in Washington, D.C.: **April 5—April 11, 2018**

\*This program is endorsed by the National Council of Social Studies Teachers

Open to San Diego County High School JUNIORS: Deadline to apply: **November 22, 2017**

**APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MALE** **FEMALE**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE (cell or home):** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HIGH SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT(s) or GUARDIAN(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information needed for airline and tour of Government Offices:

**COUNTRY OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **U.S. CITIZEN? YES NO** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOCIAL SECURITY #** \_\_\_\_\_

(legal U.S. residents may apply)

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**

1. Most recent **high school transcript**—not a report card.
2. Two **Signatures of Endorsement** from adults—form attached.
3. **Resume of Activities**—not to exceed ONE page to include: major school activities and organizations; leadership positions; community service activities; sports; hobbies; travel; work, and other experiences.
4. **Personal Statement**—not to exceed ONE typewritten page.

**TOPIC:** "WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM AND WHAT QUALITIES WOULD YOU BRING TO THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?"

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The San Diego Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge provides chaperones and arranges all aspects of the tour including air transportation, fee for the Valley Forge Program (room and board), travel, hotel reservations, tour reservations, and some meals in Washington, D.C. The total cost for this is about **\$1, 600 per student**.

Each student and his/her parents or guardians must make the commitment to contribute **\$500.00** to this cost, about one third of the total cost. At an Orientation meeting in December students are provided with ideas for fund raising as well as sample letters to use in contacting businesses, individuals, and/or service organizations for donations. The total of \$500 (including a \$50 deposit in December) will be due: **March 22, 2018**. All checks are made out to: **FFVF San Diego**. FFVF is a 501 C3 organization: **ID #23-7375538**; all donations are tax deductible.

Please return COMPLETED APPLICATION and REQUIRED DOCUMENTS by November 22, 2017 electronically to: [vsyverson@cox.net](mailto:vsyverson@cox.net) OR—mail to: Virginia Syverson, 675 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, CA 91932. You will be contacted for a follow up interview at your school.

Check out: [www.freedomsfoundationsd.com](http://www.freedomsfoundationsd.com) for photos and more information.



SIGNATURES OF ENDORSEMENT PAGE

Each applicant must submit this page with other required documents, signed by two adults, neither of which are family members. One must come from the school, and one must come from the student's activities within the community (boy/girl scouts, church youth groups, community groups, work, etc.) Comments regarding this endorsement are optional, but encouraged.

**1. ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) has my endorsement to participate in the Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by Freedom's Foundation @ Valley Forge.

COMMENTS: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. COMMUNITY ENDORSEMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) has my endorsement to participate in the Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by Freedom's Foundation @ Valley Forge.

COMMENTS: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_