



AACS Youth Legislative Training Conference

2020 FACT SHEET

WHEN: July 6–10, 2020

Begins on Monday, July 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Ends on Friday, July 10, at 12:00 noon

Plan to arrive at The Leadership Institute no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, in order to register and be ready for the first session. A good beginning is important for the success of the week. Registration will take place in the lobby of The Leadership Institute (LI) building.

WHERE: The Leadership Institute
1101 North Highland Street
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: (703) 247-2000

The students will be housed in secure, dormitory-type housing in The Leadership Institute's Steven P. J. Wood Building. AACS will provide adult chaperones to supervise the young people.

WHO: For students from AACS member schools who will graduate in 2020, 2021, or 2022.

WHAT: The Youth Legislative Training Conference is designed to inform AACS young people about the American political system through the prism of a biblical worldview. The students will have the opportunity to participate in a mock Senate, meet their Senators and Representatives, attend a Congressional briefing designed just for them, and glean important lessons from a wide variety of workshop speakers who give them practical insight into the workings of Washington. They also have the privilege of touring significant sites in the area.

COSTS: A \$25 registration fee is required for each student selected to attend the YLTC. This fee is due after the student has been notified by AACS of his/her selection and when the student sends in the registration form (not when initially applying). There is also a nominal fee for students who require AACS transportation to and from the airport (see the Transportation section). Each student selected to attend the Conference will be given a scholarship that will cover the costs of the conference, lodging (Monday night through Thursday night), meals (Monday dinner through Friday breakfast), and the scheduled sightseeing trips.

Late Departures

Additional meals prior to Monday dinner or after Friday breakfast will be the responsibility of each individual.

TRANSPORTATION:

The scholarship does not include the cost of a student's transportation from his/her hometown to and from Washington, D.C.

Airline transportation: The most convenient airport to The Leadership Institute is the Washington Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA). Dulles International Airport (IAD) is a secondary choice.

Transportation to and from The Leadership Institute from the airports can be arranged by AACS. The cost is \$10 per person for roundtrip transportation from DCA, \$20 per person from IAD. This charge is payable when registering.

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TRANSPORTATION (Cont.):

If possible, select flights that arrive or depart within the following time intervals:

Airport Arrival Times: Monday, July 6 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Airport Departure Times: Friday, July 10 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

For information on ground transportation from the airports, contact the legislative office at (202) 547-2991.

Ground transportation: Students will not be allowed to drive their vehicles during the days of the conference. Parking is extremely limited around the LI building. Please contact the AACS office if your student plans to drive himself/herself to the conference.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

AACS expects high standards of Christian conduct. Conduct of participants is expected to follow 1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Insubordination or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. An uncooperative student is subject to dismissal.

DRESS GUIDELINES:

Young Ladies: Knee-length dresses, or skirts with blouses (please, no T-shirts or sleeveless tops), and dress/casual shoes should be worn for all sessions and tours. Tennis shoes or flip-flops may be worn on the monument tour. Sunday-dress attire should be worn for the Congressional office appointment and the Thursday evening banquet. Loose fitting slacks or capris may be worn in the recreation area, and for the monument tour. Shorts are not to be worn outside of dorm rooms. All clothing should be modest. Please, no tight-fitting clothing or shirts with low necklines.

Young Men: Neat, collared shirts (tucked in), dress/casual slacks, and dress/casual shoes should be worn for all sessions and tours. Tennis shoes may be worn on the monument tour. A suit or sports coat, dress shirt, and tie should be worn when visiting Congressional offices and for the Thursday evening banquet. Jeans may be worn in the recreation area and on the monument tour. Shorts and tank tops are not to be worn outside of the dormitory area. Please, no tight-fitting clothing or shirts with objectionable pictures or words.

AACS reserves the right to ask any student to change clothing if, in the estimation of the staff, he/she does not comply with these guidelines.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the large amount of walking around DC, all students are encouraged to bring shoes that are comfortable for walking. Also, students may wish to bring warm pajamas.

WHAT TO BRING:

Bible, pen, paper, toiletries (including a washcloth if desired), spending money for incidentals or souvenirs

DO NOT BRING:

Tobacco/drugs/alcohol, fireworks, regular playing cards. *Linens and a towel are provided by The Leadership Institute. (*Note: Washcloths are not provided.*)

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE APPOINTMENTS:

Each participant should make an appointment in advance with his/her Representative or a Senator for Tuesday afternoon, July 7, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. in their respective offices. (If your Congressman is not available to meet at that time, you may ask to schedule a meeting with his/her staffer.) When you call, ask for the "scheduler." Inform him/her of the reason you are in Washington, D.C., and why you desire to meet with the Congressman. Tell him that you would like a photo opportunity if at all possible. You may be asked to fax or email this information to the scheduler. If you need assistance with phone numbers or how to handle the conversation, visit your [Congressman's](#) or [Senator's](#) web site or contact your principal, Christian school association state director, or the AACS Washington Office.