



2024 Youth Leadership Conference[®]

Student Application Package

Application Instructions

Complete the Application Package

Print out the form to complete by hand. Use blue or black pen when completing the application. Please ensure handwriting is legible and neat. Do not use cursive handwriting.

Submit the Application Package

The application submission deadline is March 15, 2024. There are two options for submitting the application package to AIYLC for acceptance:

- Option 1. Electronically scan the entire package and email the application PDF to aiylc2002@gmail.com. Ensure all signatures are present prior to scanning.
- Option 2. Mail the entire hard copy of the package to:

AIYLC
PO Box 12136
Newport News, VA 23612

Ensure all signatures are present prior to mailing. It is recommended to keep a copy of the package for your records.

Acceptance Process

Once AIYLC receives your application, it will be put in our queue. The selection process is a first come, first serve basis while weighing the school administrator's recommendation. AIYLC will select up to 45 students to attend this year's conference and notify the selectees via email. This acceptance email will spell out the next step to attend the conference, including payment, what to bring, and other relevant information for your success at the conference.

Questions or concerns

If at any point in the application or acceptance processes you develop questions, please contact the AIYLC Director, Earl Johnson, at (757) 560-0963. Mr. Johnson will be able to assist you.



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2024 Student Application and Release Form

Questions about how to fill out this form?

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This form is required to be submitted with the application package.

Student Information

Last Name		Home Phone	Mobile Phone
First Name and M.I.		Email	
Street		City, State	Zip Code
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	High School Grade	T-Shirt Size <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL

Parent or Guardian Information (Signature required on Page 2)

Last Name		Home Phone	Mobile Phone
First Name and M.I.		Email	
Street		City, State	Zip Code

School Administrator Information (Signature required on Page 2)

Last Name		Title	Contact Phone
First Name and M.I.		School Name	
Street		City, State	Zip Code
This student will be officially excused from school to attend this conference.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
School Recommendation Remarks			

Financial Sponsor Information (If other than parent or guardian)

Last Name		Organization	
First Name and M.I.		Contact Phone	Amount \$
Street		City, State	Zip Code

Financial support may be available to those who qualify. Contact American Independence YLC for more information.

Student Release

I, the undersigned being the natural parent or the designated legal guardian of:

Student Name _____

Age _____

DOB _____

authorize his/her attendance at the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) American Independence Youth Leadership Conference (AIYLC) to be conducted at Jamestown 4-H Education Center, Williamsburg, VA during the period:

April 25 through 28, 2024.

Except for a case of substantiated gross negligence or worse, the undersigned hereby release and contract to hold harmless the MOWW and the AIYLC from any and all liability and/or responsibility for the child's welfare, wellbeing, and control for the period of the conference including the day of departure if the chapter provides transportation until the day of return.

I give permission for my child's name and picture to appear on the American Independence Youth Leadership Conference (AIYLC) or Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) promotional material, either printed or online: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Full Name of Parent or Guardian		Signature		
Relationship	Date			
Full Name of School Administrator		Signature		
Title	Date			
For Internal Use Only by AIYLC or MOWW Staff				
AIYLC or MOWW Representative		Signature		
Title	Approved			Date
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Emergency Medical Authorization

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SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name		Age	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
Parent or Guardian Name		Relationship	Last Name Different <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Street		City, State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Work Phone	Other Contact
Health Insurance Company			Policy Number
Family Physician			Phone Number
Additional Emergency Contact			Phone Number

Medical History

Date of student's last complete physical examination (MM/YYYY)	
Has it ever been necessary to restrict student's physical activities for medical reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you aware of any current health problems?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is student now under medical care or regularly taking medications?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has there been any significant surgery, injury, illness or change in health status since student's last physical examination?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Allergy to any plant, food, or animal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Allergy to any drug or insect toxin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any condition requiring regular medication, diet, or special care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsions <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Trouble <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Disorder <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If answer to any question above is YES, please explain in some detail	

Vaccinations

Tetanus Date	Diphtheria Date	Polio Date	Mumps Date
Measles Date	Rubella Date	Pertussis Date	COVID-19 Date

Authorization and Consent to Treatment of Minor

I (we) the undersigned parent/legal guardian of the named student minor below do hereby authorize the Event Organization and the Military Order of the World Wars, Inc.[®], the Youth Leadership Conference's Director or their designated staff member(s) as agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any X-Ray, examination, anesthesia, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by any physician licensed to practice in the Event location/state. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agent to provide care, which the aforementioned physician, in the exercise of his/her best judgment deemed advisable. This authorization will be in effect for the duration of the cited event.

Except for a case of substantiated gross negligence or worse, the undersigned hereby releases and contracts to hold harmless the Event Organization, Youth Leadership Conference's/Youth Education Seminar's Director and staff, and MOWW, Inc., from any and all liability and/or responsibility for the child's welfare, well-being and control for the period of the conference including the day of departure and the day of return if the chapter provides transportation until the day of return.

Full Name of Parent or Guardian		Signature
Relationship	Date	

Student Agreement

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Expectations

Lodging - Cabins are gender specific. Students are prohibited from entering cabins assigned to those of the opposite gender. Violations of this condition shall result in immediate removal from the conference.

Personal electronic devices – All electronic devices (phones, tablets, or other handheld devices) shall be turned off during lectures and tours. Electronic device use shall be kept to a minimum at all other times.

Valuables – Students should not bring valuables to the conference. Lost or stolen items are not the responsibility of the conference or the counselors. We encourage you to report any theft to AIYLC staff.

Car keys – Any student driving their own personal vehicle to the conference shall turn over the vehicle's keys to AIYLC staff until the end of the conference. Arrangements can be made with staff for emergencies or special circumstances.

Inappropriate or romantic relationships – The conference prides itself on providing a professional, educational experience for all students. Students shall maintain only professional relationships while at the conference. Displays of affection are prohibited. Profanity is also unprofessional and shall not be used.

Recreational products – No tobacco products, recreational drugs, or alcohol shall be brought or consumed while at the conference.

Weapons – No weapons of any kind, including pocket knives, shall be brought to the conference.

Animals – No pets or other live animals shall be brought to the conference.

Dress Code

- Collared shirts or non-controversial T-shirts.
- Weather related clothing, i.e., April cool w/ rain, November cold, should be considered.
- Pants, jeans, or shorts. Skirts are not recommended for this environment.
- No ripped or fringed clothing-even if it is the style of the garment.
- No short-shorts, mini-skirts, midriff revealing, low necklines, or other revealing clothing.
- No wallet chains.
- No hats indoors, but they are permitted during the outdoor portion of tours.
- Shoes should be comfortable for a camp setting and walking tours.

I have read and understand the conference's expectations and dress code. I agree to comply with the above.

Full Name of Student	Signature
Date	

Long Distance Travel

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Submit this form *only* if traveling by air, train, or bus.

Student Name	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
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Please do not make your travel reservations until you receive confirmed acceptance to the Conference. The YLC will provide transportation to and from the airports, train, or bus station and the Conference site. The Newport News- Williamsburg Airport (PHF) is the closest. The Norfolk (ORF) and Richmond (RIC) Airports are 60 to 90 minutes away. The Williamsburg AMTRAC station and Greyhound Bus Station are nearby. We will send you a current picture and/or description of who will be picking you up.

Please try to plan your arrival and departure between the suggested dates and times listed below. Otherwise, you **MUST** contact the AIYLC to make other arrangements. Volunteer drivers will be available in every case on arrival and departure days.

Keep your mobile phone handy.

Arrival – Between 9:00 a.m. and noon EST on Thursday. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

Departure – Between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. EST on Sunday. Conference concludes at 2:00 p.m.

Arrival Information

Date of Arrival	Time of Arrival	Mode of Travel <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Bus	Airport, Station, or Terminal
Commercial Carrier Name		Flight, Train, or Bus Number	

Departure Information

Date of Departure	Time of Departure	Mode of Travel <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Bus	Airport, Station, or Terminal
Commercial Carrier Name		Flight, Train, or Bus Number	

American Independence Youth Leadership Conference

April 25-28, 2024 www.AIYLC.Org Major Earl Johnson, Director

Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
Thurs	1:00 PM	60	Registration	Assign Dorm / Teams	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
Apr25	2:00 PM	30	Welcome	Conference Briefing	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
Day1	2:30 PM	30	Critical Thinking	Making Decisions	Maj Earl Johnson
	3:00 PM	15	Break		Team Leaders
	3:15 PM	60	Small Business	Free Enterprise	Mr. David Tortilina
	4:15 PM	60	Jamestown Founding	Historical Lecture	Mr. Dick Cheatham
	5:15 PM	15	Honoring the Flag	Flag	Maj Earl Johnson
	5:30 PM	15	Retire the Flag	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard
	5:45 PM	45	Dinner	Enjoy	Team Leaders
	6:30 PM	60	Financial Mgmt.	Lecture on Investing	Mr. Hal Roesch
	7:30 PM	15	Break		Team Leaders
	7:45 PM	90	Winning Colors	Personalities Lecture	Lt. Col. Jim Rice
	9:15 PM	15	Break		Team Leaders
	9:30 PM	30	Teamwork/Challenges	Shipwreck / Tower / Tangled Mess / Briefings / Free Enterprise	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
	10:00 PM	30	Clean Lecture Room		Team Leaders
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		Chaperones
	11:30 PM		Lights Out	Remain in Dorm	Chaperones
Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
Fri	7:00 AM	45	Wake Up	Personal Time	Chaperones
Apr26	7:45 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard / All
Day 2	8:00 AM	30	Breakfast	Current Events	Team Leaders
	8:30 AM	30	Travel to Jamestown	Walk	Team Leaders
	9:00 AM	120	Jamestown Museum	Educational Tour	Team Leaders
	11:00 AM	30	Visit Store	Memento Shop	Chaperones
	11:30 AM	30	Return to 4-H	Walk	Team Leaders
	12:00 PM	20	Break	Personal Time	Team Leaders
	12:20 PM	40	Lunch		Team Leaders
	1:00 PM	60	NASA Update	Lecture	Speaker NASA TBD
	2:00 PM	15	BREAK		Team Leaders
	2:15 PM	45	Challenges II	Develop Briefings	Lt. Col Jim Rice
	3:00 PM	60	Life's Journey	Road to Success	Mrs. Nhu Yeargin
	4:00 PM	20	Break		Team Leaders
	4:20 PM	70	Effective Communication	Leadership Lecture	Prof Brian DePrinzio
	5:30 PM	45	Dinner	Enjoy	Team Leaders
	6:15 PM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard
	6:30 PM	75	American Government	Briefing	Mr. Jean-Marc Pierre
	7:45 PM	135	Teamwork/Challenges	Shipwreck / Tower / Tangled Mess / Briefings / Free Enterprise	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
	10:00 PM	30	Clean Lecture Room		Team Leaders
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		Chaperones
	11:30 PM		Lights Out	Remain in Dorm	Chaperones

Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
Sat	7:00 AM	45	Wake Up		Chaperones
Apr27	7:45 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard / All
Day 3	8:00 AM	30	Breakfast	Current Events	Team Leaders
	8:30 AM	30	Travel to WMSB	Load Bus	Team Leaders
	9:00 AM	180	Lead / Free Ent / Pat	Tour Historic Site	Team Leaders
	12:00 PM	30	Return to 4-H	Load Bus	Team Leaders
	12:30 PM	45	Lunch Outside		Lt. Col Jim Rice
	1:15 PM	30	Bus to Yorktown	Load Bus	Team Leaders
	1:45 PM	75	American Revolution Museum	Museum Tour	Team Leaders
	3:00 PM	60	Bus Tour Yorktown	Historical Tour	CPO Alan Dooley
	4:00 PM	30	Return to 4-H		Team Leaders
	4:30 PM	15	Break		Chaperones
	4:45 PM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard
	5:00 PM	45	Closing Supper	Vote	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
	5:45 PM	60	Frederick Douglass	Historic Lecture	Mr. Nathan Richardson
	6:45 PM	75	Constitution Lecture	Government Lecture	PhD Joe Emerson
	8:00 PM	75	Finish Challenges III	Teamwork	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim
	9:15 PM	45	Social	Critiques	Chaperones
	10:30 PM	60	Personal Time		Chaperones
	11:30 PM		Lights Out	Remain in Dorm	Chaperones
Date	Time	Mins	Event	Actions	Speakers
Sun	7:00 AM	30	Ready to Go	Luggage to Cafeteria	Chaperones
Apr28	7:30 AM	15	Flag Ceremony	Form at Flagpole	Color Guard / All
Day 4	7:45 AM	75	Breakfast	Voting	Team Leaders
	9:00 AM	75	Winning Colors II	Team Briefings	Lt. Col. Jim Rice
	10:15 AM	75	Starting Business	Team Briefings	Maj Earl Johnson
	11:45 AM	15	Retrieve Colors	Form at Flagpole	Chaperones
	12:00 PM	30	Lunch		Chaperones
	12:30 PM	30	Ceremony Prep	Room Setup	Team Leaders
	1:00 PM	60	Closing Ceremony	Langley Honor Guard	Maj Earl Johnson
	2:00 PM	End	Departure	Pick-Up/Depart	LTC(R) Seth Pilgrim

Schedule Synopsis

2024 AIYLC:

Students may use this information to obtain an understanding of this Curriculum and use this information to prepare questions that may assist in a better understanding of the material delivered.

Day 1.

Critical Thinking. The presentation by Major Johnson will provide insight on how to read information you have in front of you and hopefully make critical decisions that will assist you in obtaining your short and long-range goals. The presentation is designed to ask you to think of the consequences your action may have on your life long and short-range goals.

Small Business. Small businesses keep America healthy. It is an important part of the engine that drives the economic train by providing goods and services in the local area, providing employment to citizens, and reducing cost and being sensitive to customers and trends to stay in business.

Jamestown Founding. Tonight we have the pleasure and descendant of Pocohontas (Daughter of Powhatan) and John Rolfe, of listening to the adventure of the landing of the Pilgrims in Jamestown. We will learn why the Pilgrims almost did not survive this adventure and the difference in **Leadership styles** that resulted in the flourishing of America. Please listen, learn, and challenge his knowledge to learn more by asking questions.

Honoring the Flag. What is the purpose of the flag and how/why do we give it respect? The Flag is a symbol of our country... it represents the people and must be **treated with respect.**

Financial Management. This speaker will be presenting information on **financial management.** The concepts you will hear will help you effectively consider how to manage your money that will flow through your hands. Hopefully, this briefing will enable you to properly plan for a life of fun and a successful retirement with funds to live on. Pay attention as your future depends on it. In

addition, several of the challenges will require use this information also. Successful leaders must know how to manage their assets to include time, equipment, space, people, and money.

Winning Colors. One of our most popular instructors is Lt. Col Rice and with his unique teaching methods. He will identify various personalities and how knowing personalities can assist you as a leader. If you know who you are and how personalities affect those you lead, it can make you a better leader. He will also speak on financial management. In this area, he will lecture on how personalities can affect how we manage money. On Sunday, each team will be required to know how **personality and money relate to leadership**.

Teamwork / Challenges. Challenges! In this session, you will be provided with challenges or games which will be used to help **identify team skills, leadership techniques** and be used to recognize the best team at the end of the conference. Pay attention, one quick hint, there are times when challenges need to be divided to get them done.

Day 2.

Current Events. Breakfast creates an opportunity to hear the news...Why! What is going on in the world affects you. For example, if you are working and budgeting your money and the price of gas goes up. Will it come down? The news provides information on what caused the increase and perhaps when or if it will come down. It might even result in going to war. Or it can cause a job loss. Knowledge really is POWER. **Critical thinking or planning** can't happen without knowledge.

Jamestown Museum. Jamestown provides an opportunity to see what the ships looked like that brought the colonists here. In addition, the James River named after King James is here. You will see structures made by the native Indians and get an idea of what the people had to endure to live, work, play and fend off adversaries here on these shores. **Leadership, Patriotism and Free Enterprise started right here!**

NASA Update. When Benjamin Franklin harnessed electricity, his leadership in this area eventually gave us light. We are now making discoveries and developing space vessels, food, fuel, designing flight plans to take man to Mars and beyond.

We continue to require leadership in numerous fields every day. Will you be a leader in any field that takes us to Mars and beyond? Find out what you need to know to **join the team and lead mankind** into a new tomorrow.

Life's Journey. America, what a country! This speaker was not born in America, nor did she have a say in how she got here. Her family was ousted from her country where they were very prominent. Eventually, she wound up in America. This presentation talks about perseverance, family teamwork, education, and hard work. With the help of the **Free Entrepreneur System**, she has become a very successful business person.

Effective Communication. A leader must be able to communicate. Communication comes in many forms. For example, a failure to make eye contact, wrinkles in your brow, frown or smile, crossing/uncrossing of legs or arms, even the way you breathe or speak volumes. As a leader, it is important to understand communication as you don't want to communicate the wrong information to someone.

American Government. This country has the best government in the world. It was designed to support the people. It is a Republic which means supreme power is held by the people and their representatives. Here, to speak from Washington D.C. on government is Professor Jean-Marc Pierre. This briefing should clear some things up about how the country is governed. **Patriotism and effective leadership governed by the constitution** should lead to plenty of questions.

Teamwork/Challenges. This time has been set aside to **develop briefings for your Sunday** morning presentations. Time to develop briefings on Saturday is very limited, as there will be two educational off-site tours, plus two speakers and final challenges will be completed. You will be very busy on Saturday, so use this time wisely.

Day 3.

Colonial Williamsburg. We will be taking a step back in time to see how colonial Americans lived. Colonial Williamsburg will provide you with an opportunity to

witness how the country has flourished. After Jamestown is burned Colonial Williamsburg becomes the capitol. It is here in the House Burgesses where the first legislative assembly in America conducts the people's business. The College of William and Mary is built in this city. Small businesses are developed from Leather tanning to horse shoeing to making clothes and selling grain, small businesses have always been the foundation of employment and contributed substantially to America's Gross Nation Product. **Leadership, Civic duty, and Patriotism plus the Free enterprise system elements** of this conference were all found in this tour.

Yorktown Historical Tour. The War for America's Independence was fought and ended in Yorktown with British General Charles Cornwallis surrendering to General George Washington. Under Washington's **LEADERSHIP** and with help from the French, the Treaty of Paris was signed September 3, 1783, recognizing the United States as a free and independent nation after eight years of war. Without **this team effort** of French and Americans from all walks of life this effort probably would not have been successful. After visiting the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, you will receive a bus tour of Yorktown and there you can witness where America gained its Independence.

Frederick Douglass. Again, we get to step back in time and here abolitionist, politician, **businessmen**, diplomat, orator, and much more Mr. Frederick Douglass will offer. He escaped from slavery, learned to read (taught himself), write and was instrumental in getting Afro-Americans to join the Union in support of the civil war. Mr. Douglass was one of America's exceptional a **citizens and leader**.

Constitution Lecture. Want to change how America is governed? The law of the land is governed by the constitution which by the way can be amended to change or add laws to it. Dr. Emerson is here tonight to address that issue. So, you future citizens needing to change a law, please pay attention.

Teamwork/Challenges. This is the final session for challenges. During this period, you get a chance to demonstrate who has the best team. Remember **leaders may become followers** at times and vice versa.

Day 4.

Winning Colors Presentations. LTC. Rice will lead the session in presenting the Winning Colors briefing on the effects of Personalities on **Leadership and Financial Management**.

Starting Business. What **Free enterprise** business did your team develop? The purpose of this exercise is to get you think and knowledgeable about how the system works.

Closing Ceremony. Present awards and certificates to recognize participants and teams for their hard work during the conference.