

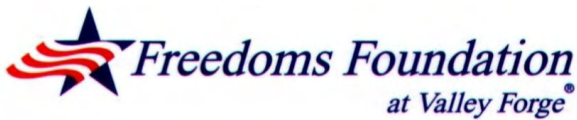


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2011 National Awards Program

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Mission

Freedoms Foundation is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to effectively communicating to young people the principles upon which our nation was founded, and the balance of rights and responsibilities of citizens in today's increasingly diverse society.

Founded in 1949, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge sponsors diverse educational and award programs and derives support from nearly 3,000 individual volunteer members in 27 chapters, as well as corporations, foundations and civic organizations from across the nation. President Dwight D. Eisenhower served as Chairman or Chairman Emeritus until his death in 1969.

Over the years, the organization's education and award programs have reached more than 100,000 people from all walks of life. Each year, over 4,000 students from all 50 states take part in Freedoms Foundation educational programs that include U.S. history, constitutional rights and citizens' responsibilities, and the free enterprise system. In addition, nearly 300 elementary and secondary school educators participate in seminars and workshops on effective techniques for teaching citizenship related topics in contemporary society.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is located on a 85-acre campus adjoining Valley Forge National Historical Park. Our campus offers teaching facilities and residence halls for the program participants and is home to a unique 52-acre memorial grove, one acre for each state plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, honoring all recipients of the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor.

The American Credo

Political and economic rights which protect the dignity and freedom of the individual.

Constitutional government designed to serve the people.

Fundamental belief in God.

- ★ Right to worship God in one's own way.
- ★ Right to free speech and press.
- ★ Right to peaceably assemble.
- ★ Right to petition for redress of grievances.
- ★ Right to privacy in our homes.
- ★ Right of habeas corpus-no excessive bail.
- ★ Right to trial by jury-innocent until proven guilty.
- ★ Right to move about freely at home and abroad.
- ★ Right to own property.
- ★ Right to free elections and personal secret ballot.
- ★ Right to work in callings and localities of our choice.
- ★ Right to bargain with our employers and employees.
- ★ Right to go into business, compete, make a profit.
- ★ Right to bargain for goods and services in a free market.
- ★ Right to contract about our affairs.
- ★ Right to the service of government as a protector and referee.
- ★ Right to freedom from arbitrary government regulation and control.

To personally understand and maintain the American way of life, to honor by his own exemplary conduct, and to pass this credo intact to succeeding generations is the responsibility of every true American

The Bill of Responsibilities

Preamble. Freedom and responsibility are mutual and inseparable; we can ensure enjoyment of the one only by exercising the other. Freedom for all of us depends on responsibility by each of us. To secure and expand our liberties, therefore, we accept these responsibilities as individual members of a free society.

- ★ To be fully responsible for our own actions and for the consequences of those actions. Freedom to choose carries with it the responsibility for our choice.
- ★ To respect the rights and beliefs of others. In a free society, diversity flourishes. Courtesy and consideration toward others are measures of a civilized society.
- ★ To give sympathy, understanding and help to others. As we hope others will help us when we are in need, we should help others when they are in need.
- ★ To do our best to meet our own and our families needs. There is no personal freedom without economic freedom. By helping ourselves and those closest to us to become productive members of society, we contribute to the strength of the nation.
- ★ To respect and obey the laws. Laws are mutually accepted rules by which, together, we maintain a free society. Liberty itself is built on the foundation of law. That foundation provides an orderly process for changing laws. It also depends on our obeying laws once they have been freely adopted.
- ★ To respect the property of others, both private and public. No one has a right to what is not his or hers. The right to enjoy what is ours depends on our respecting the right of others to enjoy what is theirs.
- ★ To share with others our appreciation of the benefits and obligations of freedom. Freedom shared is freedom strengthened.
- ★ To participate constructively in the nation's political life. Democracy depends on an active citizenry. It depends equally on an informed citizenry.
- ★ To help freedom survive by assuming personal responsibility for its defense. Our nation cannot survive unless we defend it. Its security rests on the individual determination of each of us to help preserve it.
- ★ To respect the rights and to meet the responsibilities on which our liberty rests and our democracy depends. This is the essence of freedom. Maintaining it requires our common effort, all together and each individually.

History

On November 21, 1949 General Dwight D. Eisenhower presented 200 recipients with the first Freedoms Foundation National Awards. The ceremony took place in a barn on a colonial farm once occupied by Washington's troops, which is now the site of the national headquarters of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

Now, 62 years later, nearly 56,000 awards have been presented to Americans from all walks of life - the famous and the unknown, the young and old - from Maine to Hawaii. Large corporations and small businesspersons, farmers, students, teachers, and military personnel have all been presented National Awards for their efforts to make America a better place for everyone.



2011 NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The National Awards Program, the Foundation's first activity, was initiated to recognize Americans whose positive words and deeds promote our country's rich heritage and unique freedoms. From the beginning the National Awards have not only said "thank you" to the recipients for their effort, but has encouraged emulation among their peers as well.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY:

The National Awards are open to individual citizens and legal residents of the United States, as well as American organizations, companies, communities and schools. A maximum limit of three George Washington Honor Awards may be presented to one individual or organization per lifetime.

Freedoms Foundation staff, their family members, Volunteer Chapter Members and Freedoms Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible.

ENTRY SCHEDULE:

Nominations must be postmarked to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge no later than **June 1, 2011 or sent electronically on or by June 1, 2011.**

ENTRY FORMAT:

Submit bound portfolio or ring binder for all Community, School, Teacher/Administrator and Special Events categories, containing a one page project summary stating why the project should be selected for an award. Followed by a series of works of project materials such as letters of commendation, project in action photographs, news clippings, and/or a program outline. Limit one portfolio/binder per entry.

Youth Essay, Military Essays and Public Communications categories should be securely attached inside a report cover or sent via e-mail to csantangelo@ffvf.org along with nomination form.

YOUTH ESSAY ENTRY:

Sponsored by the Women's Overseas Service League, and open to youth ages K-Grade 12. Entries must be typed, double-spaced and corrected containing 500 to 1,000 words. Essay must also address the given topic. Must include youth's name, address, social security number, age and grade level. One entry per person. Entries may be submitted electronically to csantangelo@ffvf.org.

Essay Topic for 2011:

"What Does It Mean To Be Patriotic?"

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

For the most significant dynamic addresses, sermons, editorials, letters to editor, books, articles, television and radio programs which increase the understanding of our American Way of Life. These communications may be on a one-time work or a series of works.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

For the most significant events which take place on a day or several days which impact the community, state and/or nation while increasing an understanding of our American Way of Life.



MILITARY ESSAY ENTRY

Adult and Youth

Open to personnel of the Armed Forces on active or reserve duty, members of the National Guard, ROTC and JROTC. Typed, double spaced and corrected essays should be 500 to 1,000 words in length. Essays must also address the given topic. Entry must include name, rank, social security number, branch of service, permanent home address and telephone number. Commanding officer or military instructor's name and address must also be listed on entry form. One entry per person. Entries may be submitted electronically to csantangelo@ffvf.org.

Essay title of 2011:

“What Does It Mean To Have Honor?”

SCHOOL ENTRY

Elementary thru College/University

Portfolio/ring binder entries for activities by a school or classroom. Focus should be placed on student's community involvement in action, with emphasis on patriotism and responsible citizenship as based on one of the basic American freedoms set forth in The Bill of Responsibilities. Evidence of student involvement and a complete one-page summary listing project goals and objectives must be attached at front of entry nomination. Please list school level on entry form.

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR ENTRY

Elementary thru College/University

This award honors teachers and administrators who go above and beyond the call of duty for their students and America's youth. These educators also instill in their students a sense of the importance of community involvement, responsible citizenship and patriotism. Entries should be placed in a portfolio or binder and include a one-page summary on the teacher/administrator's accomplishments and qualifications.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Award selections are determined in accordance with non-partisan guidelines established by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and are reviewed by a distinguished independent National Awards jury panel comprised of officers from national service, civics, veterans and educational organizations.

AWARDS:

One meritorious awardee in each category/age group will receive a special George Washington Honor Plaque. In addition each Youth Community, Youth Military Essay and Youth Essay meritorious awardee shall receive one \$100 US Savings Bond with their George Washington Honor Plaque. All other award recipients shall receive one George Washington Honor Award per project.

All National Award entrants receive a Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Certificate of Merit.

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT:

Recipients will be notified in the fall of 2011. Ceremonies honoring the award recipients are conducted nationwide by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Volunteer Chapters.

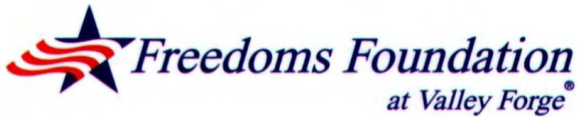
CATEGORIES:

ENTRIES SHOULD FOCUS ON THE THEMES OF PATRIOTISM, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMMUNITY ENTRY

Adult and Youth

For programs by groups or individuals who “go above and beyond the call of duty” on a local, regional or national level which promote good works and serve their communities on an ongoing, day-to-day basis. These programs or projects should have been conducted for at least one year or longer, and be a series of works.



**2011 National Awards
Nomination Form
Deadline: June 1st**

Attach this completed form (or copy) to all entries and submit to:

**Awards Department
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
PO Box 706, 1601 Valley Forge Road
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0706
(610)-933-8825 Fax: (610)-935-0522
Email: csantangelo@ffvf.org**

Entry Category (please check one)

- School (grades K-College)
- Youth Essay (grades K-12)
- Youth Community (grades K-College)
- Adult Community
- Adult Military Essay
- Youth Military Essay
- Public Communications
- Special Events
- Teacher/Educator

Nominee Name _____

Project Title _____ Soc. Sec. # (essay only) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

School _____ Phone _____

School's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominator Name _____

Nominator Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Freedoms Foundation Volunteer Chapter Affiliation _____

\$20.00 check enclosed made payable to Freedoms Foundation for project return.