

Presidential Classroom



*Preparing the best and brightest
high school students for
responsible citizenship*



Our Programs

★ **Presidential Inaugural Program: 2005 ONLY!**

Students participate in Pre-Inaugural events, including the Inaugural Parade, PC Student Inaugural Ball, and attendance at the Presidential Oath of Office. (6-day program)

★ **Presidential Classroom Scholars Program:**

Introduces the inner workings of the federal government and examines how current issues affect public policy.

★ **National Security in a Democracy:**

Studies the role the government, military and private sector play in planning and executing defense and homeland security policy.

★ **Science, Technology & Public Policy:**

Examines the role of the government in issues related to scientific discoveries and technological advances.

★ **Global Business & Public Policy:**

Examines the New Economy and role the federal government plays in regulating industry and stimulating economic growth.

★ **Law & Justice in a Democracy:**

Offers an in-depth look at the federal legal system and explores the issues of freedom and order in a democratic society.

★ **Media & Democracy:**

Investigates the relationship between the news media and government, with analysis of a free press, a well-informed citizenry and a democratic government.

★ **Future World Leaders Summit:**

Explores international relations, diplomacy and the changing world economy.

NSHSS Members

*Tuition Discounts & Scholarships Available
for NSHSS Members ONLY!*

You are invited to join your fellow National Society of High School Scholars Members at one of seven unique and challenging leadership and academic Presidential Classroom's programs in Washington, D.C.

Over 110,000 top high school students have experienced Presidential Classroom's programs since 1968. In 2004, nearly 5,000 marked their week in Washington as a turning point in the search for their future role in society.

During each one-week program, students examine Washington and our government beyond the marble buildings. As a Presidential Classroom Scholar, you will witness the federal government at work, interact with influential leaders and policy makers and visit renowned sites such as the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the U.S. Department of State and Arlington Cemetery.

You will also live with and exchange ideas with other student leaders from the United States and abroad. Through discussion and debate on current issues and policies, you'll discover America's rich diversity and develop a deeper understanding of the issues affecting your life.

Our programs appeal to students who are – or aspire to be – leaders among their peers. We offer different programs for different interests:

- **NEW!** Presidential Inaugural Program
- Presidential Classroom Scholars Program
- National Security in a Democracy
- Science, Technology & Public Policy
- Global Business & Public Policy
- Media & Democracy
- Law & Justice in a Democracy
- Future World Leaders Summit

NSHSS and Presidential Classroom have

joined together to promote and recognize academic excellence, leadership, scholarship and service to high school juniors and seniors. We are delighted to offer the following unique benefits to NSHSS members:

- \$100 tuition discount to any 2005 Presidential Classroom program (must use enclosed application and excludes Inaugural Program)
- Special consideration for partial tuition scholarship through Presidential Classroom for any 2005 PC program (excluding Inaugural Program)
- The opportunity to compete for a full academic scholarship to attend a 2005 PC program, a value of up to \$1,200
- The opportunity to compete for the Public Service Scholarship, a cash award of \$750, to be used for educational purposes. This is available only to NSHSS members who have also participated in a Presidential Classroom program

For more information or an application, call **1-800-441-6533** or visit our Web site at www.presidentialclassroom.org. Be sure to list your NSHSS membership on your application.

"Of all the experiences and achievements that I have accomplished, there is one that has truly influenced my life. Presidential Classroom gave me an invaluable educational experience. It showed me what the world has to offer me, what unique and exciting people inhabit it, and how great this country is."

*Christopher Kannady
NSHSS Member & PC Alumna
Bunkie, LA*

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“Presidential Classroom gives students a glimpse of democracy at work and promotes the ideals of public service. This not only celebrates our history, but prepares tomorrow’s leaders, which will help strengthen our communities.”

*Senator Hillary Clinton
D - N.Y.*



The PC Experience

Our 2005 programs cover a full schedule of seminars, discussions & tours, as well as:

- ★ Seven nights’ lodging in the Georgetown University Conference Center (a Marriott hotel) on the campus
- ★ All meals from Saturday dinner through Friday dinner, including vegetarian and Kosher alternatives
- ★ The program’s curriculum textbook, *Outlook*
- ★ Transportation within the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area
- ★ Transfers between local airports or train station and the Georgetown University Conference Center
- ★ Around-the-clock adult supervision by permanent and volunteer staff
- ★ Pre- and post-program news releases to inform local media about your participation
- ★ Planned sightseeing, entertainment and admission to special events
- ★ A graduation banquet and semi-formal dance
- ★ Certificate of achievement, to be included in college applications
- ★ A 24-hour health clinic, on-call doctor and nurse practitioners

Application Process

To apply, complete the enclosed application form, making sure that you have included the required signatures and a US\$125 non-refundable deposit. You will be notified of your acceptance into the program within four weeks. Applications must be postmarked by **November 1, 2004** (Inaugural Program), **November 15, 2004** (Winter) or **April 4, 2005** (Summer). Scholarship applications must be postmarked by October 22, 2004 (Winter) and February 25, 2005 (Summer).

NSHSS members must use the enclosed application to qualify for the discount. Discounts are not available with scholarships.

Terms of Participation

By signing the attached application, the program participant, parent and principal agree to the following terms:

It is understood that A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Inc. cannot be held responsible for any “Act of God” or unforeseen incident that might occur on the part of any commercial carrier from the time the student leaves home until the student returns home. Presidential Classroom shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, loss, damage, or delay resulting from any act or neglect of any person or company whose services are retained by Presidential Classroom for the benefit of program participants, including but not limited to hotels, restaurants, tour agencies, or transportation or travel companies. Furthermore, Presidential Classroom cannot be held responsible for any act, error or omission on the part of any program participant or participants. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, must be borne by the program participant.

It is understood that Presidential Classroom or any members of its Board or staff cannot be held responsible for any decision made in response to any problem encountered with a student. Any student possessing or using drugs

or alcohol, violating curfew, leaving the activities of the program, entering the room of a member of the opposite sex, inviting a member of the opposite sex into his/her room or behaving in any manner inconsistent with Presidential Classroom standards or local, state or federal statutes will be immediately dismissed from the program. Presidential Classroom follows a zero tolerance policy; there are no second chances. If a student is dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons or upon advice of the Classroom’s medical doctor, the student or the students’ family will assume all financial responsibility for returning the student home. No tuition refund will be made.

For the health and safety of every participating student, Presidential Classroom reserves the right during the entire program to conduct room inspections to ensure student compliance with the stated rules and regulations.

Presidential Classroom reserves the right to cancel a program before the students’ departure from home, in which case any deposit or monies paid to Presidential Classroom will be refunded. Presidential Classroom reserves the right to change or modify a program itinerary before or after a class is scheduled to begin.

It is the expressed declaration of A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Inc., its Board of Directors and Board of Advisors that any of these responsibilities cannot be referred back to the students’ high school or its administration.

Presidential Classroom reserves the right to use in any or all publications, promotional materials and publicity basic student information (e.g., name, school, hometown) and further reserves the right to use in all publications, promotional materials and publicity any photograph, audiotape, videotape or film in which the student may appear. Presidential Classroom reserves the right to share its mailing list with fellow students, carefully selected colleges, universities and other entities or organizations which may be of interest to students.

Congressional Information

(We need this information for *ALL* U.S. citizens, whether you are currently living in the United States or abroad. It will help us schedule your Congressional appointments.) Visit <http://www.house.gov/writerep> to locate your correct representative.

U.S. Congressional Representative _____ State and District # _____

If you are currently residing *OUTSIDE* your Congressional District (for example, living abroad or at a boarding school) please provide your permanent address *IN* the Congressional District _____

City, State, Zip _____

Mother's Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

Title/Position _____ Company _____ e-mail: _____

Father's Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

Title/Position _____ Company _____ e-mail: _____

Has anyone in your immediate family participated in any Presidential Classroom programs? Yes No

If yes, please list names and dates: _____

Medical Information

Please consult your parents as you complete this section to provide the most accurate information possible. Complete the entire section. Explain in detail any special circumstances. We wish to provide — in advance — for handicapped students or those with special dietary requirements. The following information will be provided to the attending physician in the event of a medical emergency.

Name of Student _____ Age _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone (____) _____

Name of Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Insurance Company Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please check any of the following conditions which apply to you and provide further details below.

Allergies Vision/Hearing Problems Asthma
Hypoglycemia Diabetes Seizure Disorder

Do you have any physical handicaps? No Yes

If yes, are you assisted by crutches? a wheelchair?
 a motorized wheelchair or cart?

Do you have reactions to any medication? No Yes

Have you had any recent illness? No Yes

Are you presently taking any medication? No Yes

Within the past two years, have you been under the care of a
medical doctor or mental health professional? No Yes

Date of last tetanus toxoid booster: ____/____/____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please provide a detailed description of any conditions you noted above or any other conditions of which we should be aware, including descriptions of any treatment and/or medications you may require. Attach additional pages if necessary. _____

Authorization

This application must have all of the following signatures for the student to be admitted to the program.

Each of the undersigned has carefully read the accompanying program brochure, including the Terms of Participation statement and Student Life Policies, and with full understanding of the terms, consents to the participation of the undersigned student in accordance with the standards, rules and regulations of A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Inc.

The principal's signature below also verifies that this student meets the outlined qualifications necessary to attend Presidential Classroom programs, including the required grade point average or class rank.

X _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature

While attending the program, if a student needs any type of medical treatment, the parent's signature below constitutes necessary permission for such treatment and responsibility of the parent or guardian for any and all expenses associated therewith.

X _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature

X _____ Date _____

Student's Signature

Presidential Classroom welcomes a diverse student body and encourages all outstanding high school leaders to apply. We do not discriminate against qualified applicants for any reason including race, religion, gender or ethnic origin.