



THE WASHINGTON WORKSHOPS FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR WASHINGTON, D.C. • FAQs

CURRICULAR AND EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

How is this different than most other student tours?

With over 41 years of educational travel experience, The Washington Workshops has designed an educational travel experience around a comprehensive, interesting, and interactive curriculum. With the use of guest speakers, exclusive visits and simulations, the Congressional Seminar is unmatched in terms of educational content, value and quality. The curriculum includes history, politics, excitement and fun. The foundation of our program is experiential education.

How will this experience help me academically?

An understanding about U.S. politics is increasingly important for students. Anyone hoping to eventually study or work in business, trade, international relations or the social sciences will gain significantly from the Congressional Seminar. As you apply to colleges, universities and future jobs, this experience will demonstrate your commitment to civic engagement, academics, politics and leadership.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

If I attended a program or seminar to Washington, D.C. in junior high, how is this different?

The Congressional Seminar is different because the focus is on legislative branch. There will also be a fascinating model congress and guest speakers relating to the legislative branch, the media and the importance of civic engagement in America's youth. Of course the Model Congress is the highlight of the seminar, but included are several events and activities that make this a one-on-a-kind educational program to Washington, D.C.

TUITION AND ENROLLMENT

Are there any scholarships available?

Unfortunately the Washington Workshops Foundation has allocated its scholarships for the school year. Although no individual scholarships will be awarded we do provide our Fund Raising Guide and our list of Donor Organizations upon request and on our web site.

What does the price include and not include?

Included with tuition is all motor coach transportation in and around Washington, D.C., two meals each day, all hotel accommodations, expert guide services, all gratuities and program materials. Transportation assistance will be provided on arrival and departure from Washington, D.C. (Please consult our staff for more information).

Not included with your tuitions is the flight to and from Washington, D.C., incidental hotel charges (phone calls and internet), one meal per day and souvenirs when shopping.

Who may enroll in the seminar?

The seminar is open to all students who are interested in history, politics and U.S. government and meeting fellow students from across the United States for this historic event. We expect that our participants are prepared to fully enjoy the seminar's content and show a genuine interest in working with fellow student from around the United States.

If a student is invited, may he or she invite friends and fellow students?

Yes, invited students are encouraged to reach out to friends and fellow students interested that may be interested in participating in this program. All students may enroll in the seminar, however all participants are expected to participate in the program activities, demonstrate an academic preparedness and display an outstanding level of behavior during the seminar.

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

Is there a curfew?

Yes, all students must be in their hotel room and adhering to quiet hours by 11:00p.m. every evening. In some cases, curfew may be extended due to late travel or a late event and will be adjusted by the seminar staff as needed.

Are there expectations or rules student must follow?

Yes, upon the start of the program every student must read, agree to and sign the Seminar Standards. The Seminar Standards is designed to communicate expectations of the program as well and outline consequences if any of these expectations are violated. The Seminar Standards is to ensure that there will be absolutely no behavior tolerated which may jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of any student, teacher, chaperone, or staff-member.

In the event of illness or injury, what will happen?

Every effort will be made to use the best available care in the event of an injured or ill student.

Is there a procedure in place in the event of illness or injury?

Before students begin the seminar, they will be required to submit a medical information form to our office to make our staff aware of any symptoms, allergies, illnesses, dietary restrictions or medical conditions. If at anytime a participant needs to call home to seek medical advice or comfort, our staff will initiate and pay for the phone call. If at anytime a participant or parent requests medical attention the request will be granted immediately and the student(s) will be taken to the nearest medical or urgent care facility. Any invoices or bills accrued due to the treatment of a student or participant will be the responsibility of the student and their parent or guardian.

How many supervisors or chaperones will attend the program?

The Inaugural Seminar will be supervised and facilitated by an experienced and qualified group of program directors and program administrators throughout the entire seminar. The role of the Programs Administrator is to facilitate the curriculum, account for students and manage program logistics.

Is there a safety briefing?

Yes, upon convening in Washington, D.C., there will be a mandatory briefing and welcome meeting. Covered will be introductions, logistics, safety and the Seminar Standards.

TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATIONS AND LOGISTICS

What are the accommodations like?

Accommodations are selected based upon safety, quality and centralized location. All participants will sleep in a double occupancy hotel suite, meaning two to a room.

May I request a roommate in advance?

Yes, if you are traveling with someone you know and want to share a room please call our office so we may try to accommodate your request. Please note that no student will be allowed to have their own room alone or be allowed inside the hotel room of a student of the opposite sex.

Will I receive further information to help me prepare for my Congressional Seminar?

Yes, once enrolled we will mail you your enrollment package containing in depth information about your detailed schedule with accommodations, meals, transportation, events and site visits. Also included is the Congressional Seminar Guide, a booklet with important information about Washington, D.C., the Model Congress and the program schedule.