

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth Program

What is the Odd Fellow and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth?

Since 1949 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have offered this grand opportunity to youth from the United States, Canada and many other countries. For young adults interested in world affairs, international relations, economics and/or political sciences this is an opportunity of a lifetime exchanging views on education, politics and religion.

Each student, or delegate as they are called while on the tour, will participate in comprehensive discussions with other young people from around the world as well as have the opportunity to make new and lifelong friendships.

In addition, students experience one of the greatest cities in the world: New York. Attend a Broadway play, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the 911 Museum and Memorial, and much more. Visit historic sites in Washington D.C. with possible sites in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ottawa, Canada., depending on the tour package.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program has been growing in popularity and gaining public attention in the United States, Canada and abroad.

Where does one apply?

Students should contact their local Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge or school authorities for their application today!

Who sponsors students?

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth program is funded by fund-raising activities and donations of the many dedicated members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, along with corporate and individual donations. This non-profit fraternal organization has sponsored over 49,000 students since the program's inception in 1949!

After more than a half century, the members of Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges continue to proudly inspire the young people of today to pursue global agendas that will enable them to help their communities relate to world affairs in the future.

When are tours conducted?

Tours are conducted during the summer and are 7-12 days in duration, usually in the month of July.

Who is eligible?

Competition is open to all high school students 16 or 17 years of age with a minimum of one year of high school remaining. Applications are reviewed by the local or state selection committee for evidence of leadership, character, concern for community welfare, interest in world affairs and general fitness.

Each applicant is required to write an essay and may be required to participate in a local speech contest.

What does it cost?

Expenses including transportation, meals, lodging and tours are paid by the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges in your community, county, district, state or province and donations by corporations or individuals. The student provides spending money for souvenirs, laundry, shopping, extra refreshments and some entertainment. Parents/Guardians must provide notarized written permission for their son or daughter to attend the program and to travel across the borders of the United States and Canada unaccompanied by them. They must also agree to pay for their son or daughter's return trip home when an accident, illness or misbehavior prevents further participation in the tour.

Adult participation?

The Program is always looking for Adult Tour Leaders and Tour Staff. Applications are available from state or province program chairpersons. Information on all adult positions with how costs and expenses are paid may be obtained from the Program Office listed on this brochure.



Be a Program Sponsor.

Travel with Students from the United States,
Canada and Abroad



In the Beginning....Now Years Later !



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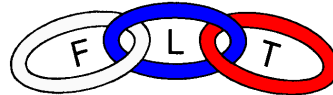
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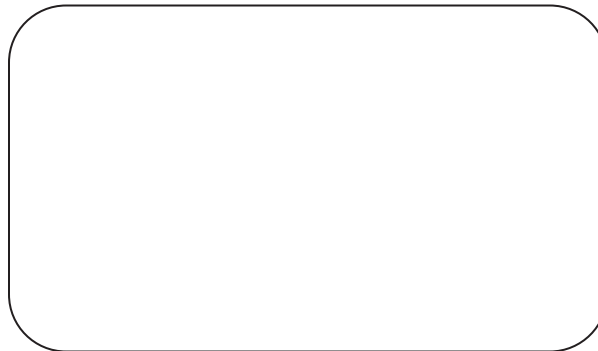
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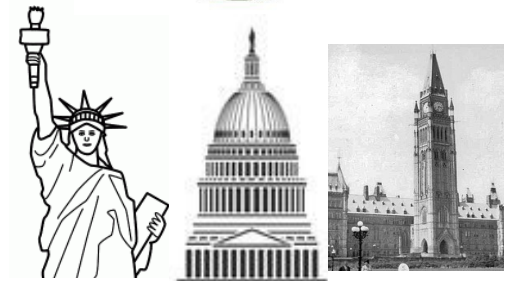
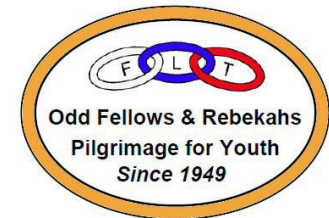
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*Contact the Jurisdictional Chairperson or
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for an Application.*



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