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Freedoms Foundation Honors Local Students

Monday, July 10, 2023 Earl Freudenberg



Some of the students with educator Lebron Sterchi and Chattanooga Funeral Home Vice President Stephen Pike, past Freedom's Foundation president

Freedoms Foundation, Chattanooga Chapter honored students Sunday who attended the Youth Leadership Summit in Valley Forge, Pa.

Dr. Valerie Copeland Rutledge said, "Students from our public, private and homeschoolers participate every year. Because of COVID, our chapter



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recognized students from 2022 and 2023. We are very proud of our students and their interests in what freedom and the Freedoms Foundation stands for.”

Margaret Whittenburg Cooper founded the Chattanooga Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in 1968. She was educated in the Chattanooga Public School system and later served more than 40 years as teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. Since her passing in 2008, the Chattanooga Chapter has continued to thrive under the leadership of several outstanding Chattanooga natives and the dedication of its members.

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The Chattanooga Chapter sponsors 11th grade students to attend the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program at Valley Forge and gives awards to teachers to attend the Freedoms Foundation summer seminars. The

chapter participates in the Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade, provides awards to local citizens for outstanding service to the community, and collaborates with the Chattanooga Medal of Honor Museum.

The mission of the Chattanooga Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is to educate students and teachers about the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, inspiring them to advance and preserve our freedoms.

The Chattanooga Chapter sponsors juniors to attend the Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program. Students are selected to attend based on essays written from the Freedoms Foundation National Awards program. If you or a student you know is interested in applying for the March 7-10, 2024 program, please contact the chapter at ChattanoogaChapterFFVF@gmail.com.

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