

## Frequently asked questions

### What is Colonial Williamsburg?

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg, the largest living history museum in the country. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for the general public, students and teachers, beautiful hotels, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. [Colonial Williamsburg | The World's Largest Living History Museum](#)

### How is Colonial Williamsburg funded?

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive state or federal funds. The Foundation relies on grant funding, philanthropic support, and revenue from admissions, products, and hospitality operations to fulfill our mission, "That the future may learn from the past," and to safeguard this national treasure for generations to come. [Donate - Make a Donation | Colonial Williamsburg Foundation](#)

### Can Williamsburg residents purchase special passes?

Residents of Greater Williamsburg may purchase the Good Neighbor Pass, which includes unlimited admission to our Historic Area and two world-class art museums as well as discounts on dining, shopping, evening programs, and more. Qualifying zip codes include 23089, 23090, 23127, 23168, 23185, 23186, 23186, and 23188. For more information: [Colonial Williamsburg Good Neighbor Pass](#).

Certain special groups are also eligible for the Good Neighbor Pass, including:

- Military personnel and direct dependents living in the city of Williamsburg, James City County, and the Bruton District of York County
- Current municipal employees of the city of Williamsburg, James City County, and the Bruton District of York County are eligible to receive a FREE Good Neighbor Pass. Eligibility does not extend to family members.
- Teachers who work for the local school system (see list of qualifying schools) are eligible to receive a FREE Good Neighbor Pass. Eligibility does not extend to family members.

### Do you have a Speakers Bureau? What topics do speakers address?

Colonial Williamsburg is happy to provide a speaker for your organization's next meeting. We will work with you to identify the topic and speaker that will best meet the needs of your audience. Flexibility in your topic and program date helps immensely in securing a Colonial Williamsburg speaker. For information, contact Amy Ritchie, community affairs manager, at [aritchie@cwf.org](mailto:aritchie@cwf.org).

### What is your donation policy?

Colonial Williamsburg receives many requests for charitable donations each year. Our ability to make contributions is quite limited, and primarily focused on nonprofit organizations within our local community and the Commonwealth of Virginia. However, donations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be in writing on your organization's letterhead and can be emailed to

Amy Ritchie, community affairs manager, at [aritchie@cwf.org](mailto:aritchie@cwf.org). The request must include information about your organization, including nonprofit status, how the donation will be used, and if an event, the date, location, and anticipated numbers. The more information the better. The standard donation is two Single-Day Admission Tickets. [Single-Day Ticket \(colonialwilliamsburg.org\)](https://colonialwilliamsburg.org)

### **Can my non-profit hold a road race in Colonial Williamsburg?**

The roads located within Colonial Williamsburg, including Duke of Gloucester Street, are public roads maintained by the City of Williamsburg. For permission to host a road race within the Historic Area, please visit the city website for a [permit request](#).

### **Can I or my organization host an event in Colonial Williamsburg?**

There are many unique venues within Colonial Williamsburg where you can create a truly memorable conference, event, or wedding. From a lavish ballroom affair to an intimate garden gathering and every occasion in between, you will find the meeting space ideally suited to your specific needs. For more information: [Event Venues in Williamsburg VA | Colonial Williamsburg Resorts \(colonialwilliamsburghotels.com\)](https://colonialwilliamsburghotels.com)

### **Can we film our commercial in the Historic Area?**

Networks or production companies interested in using Colonial Williamsburg's property or assets for filming must contact Kevin Crossett, director of Corporate Affairs, at [kcrossett@cwf.org](mailto:kcrossett@cwf.org) to discuss guidelines and opportunities. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation must approve all production projects. A Foundation staff liaison will be present at all times during filming. The production company will provide proof of insurance and may be responsible for fees associated with the project.

### **What is the best way for our organization to support Colonial Williamsburg?**

The Business Forum is Colonial Williamsburg's corporate donor society. Its members provide critical annual support to aid in the general operations of this precious national historic treasure. In appreciation, members receive several exclusive benefits and privileges. The Business Forum has three giving tiers, each commemorating a well-established 18th-century Williamsburg entrepreneur:

- Greenhow Circle (\$1,000 or more) – named for John Greenhow, whose general store sold all manner of goods
- Prentis Circle (\$750-\$999) – named for William Prentis, whose shop in the Historic Area is the best surviving example of a colonial period store
- Tarpley Circle (\$500-\$749) – named for James Tarpley, who apprenticed to a merchant before opening his own store in 1755.

For information: [Corporate & Foundation Donations | Colonial Williamsburg Foundation](#)