



July 4, 2026 will mark 250 years since the United States of America declared its independence as a nation. As this momentous anniversary approaches, Americans have an unparalleled opportunity to reflect on our past, to celebrate the rich tapestry of our present, and to advance the promise of our democracy for future generations.

About America 250

Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to lead the nationwide commemoration of this historic milestone. The America 250 Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit, serves as the operational arm of the Commission, leading its programs, events, and partnerships.

The Commission and the Foundation envision the America 250 commemoration as a monumental, multiyear initiative, engaging each and every American in what we expect to be the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history.

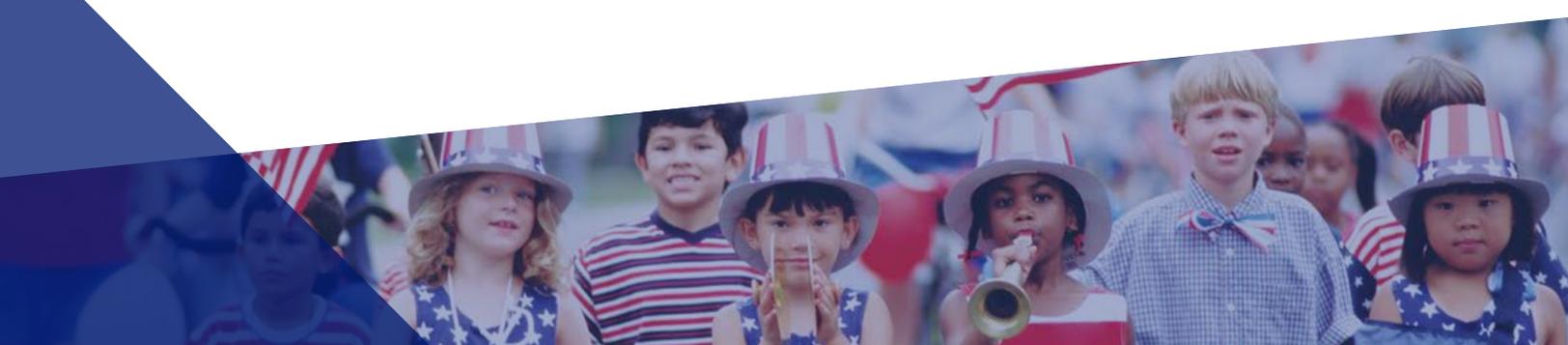
Our Vision

The Commission and Foundation are planning for an America 250 commemorative period that will:

- Take place during the years 2020 through 2027;
- Consider the full scope of American history, from the pre-revolutionary era to today;
- Engage all states, territories, tribes, and communities across the country, as well as millions of friends worldwide;
- Focus on the themes of Educate, Engage, and Unite;
- Include several national signature programs and spark more than 100,000 grassroots programs across the country; and
- Attract billions of dollars in resources to local, state, territorial, and national economies.

Commemorating Nationwide

The Commission and Foundation are encouraging each U.S. state and territory, as well as the District of Columbia, to form its own semiquincentennial commission or state-designated entity to plan for the nation's 250th anniversary. We aim to work closely with each of these state and territorial entities to facilitate coordination and collaboration, and to ensure the broadest possible participation and visibility as our country recognizes this historic moment.





Partnering with States and Territories

Most state and territorial commissions are being created by legislation or executive order. Once your state or territory has formed its commission or official entity, establishing an official partnership with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the America 250 Foundation will provide many benefits and opportunities, including:

- **Participating in a Nationwide Coalition:** The Commission and Foundation will facilitate a coalition of all official state and territorial semiquincentennial entities, allowing states and territories to connect, collaborate, and exchange information.
- **Reinforcing Consistent Themes:** The Commission and Foundation can provide guidance to the state and territorial commissions on how to incorporate the national themes of Educate, Engage, and Unite into state- and territory-based planning. The Commission and Foundation also welcome the opportunity to receive input from each state and territory to ensure the national effort helps to amplify the unique themes selected by the states and territories.
- **Expanding Visibility and Awareness:** The Commission and Foundation look forward to using our national platform to promote activities in the states and territories through press, social media, e-newsletters, website content, partner programs, and more.
- **Co-Branding Efforts:** The Commission and Foundation will create official "America 250" logos tailored to each state and territory that we can offer to each official state and territorial semiquincentennial entity.
- **Enhancing Fundraising:** The Commission and Foundation aim to enhance states' and territories' semiquincentennial fundraising efforts through co-branding.
- **Partnering on National Signature Programs:** The Commission and Foundation will coordinate national signature programs to be conducted across the U.S. throughout the commemorative period, and each state and territorial commission will have the chance to co-sponsor any national signature programs within its state or territory.
- **Increasing Economic Development:** The Commission and Foundation expect that states' and territories' partnership with the national commemoration effort will increase tourism and economic development opportunities in each state and territory.

The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the America 250 Foundation stand ready to partner with your state or territory to achieve our shared goals over the next several years. We look forward to working with you to honor your state's or territory's unique story and contributions during this once-in-a-lifetime observance. For more information and to discuss partnership opportunities, please email us at states@america250.org.

