

Join the Freedom Challenge

The challenge invites these groups to work together on youth-centric activities: hosting “Ring the Liberty Bell” events where young Montanans share stories of American resilience (e.g., Lewis and Clark’s expedition or the state’s role in WWII), organizing cross-community workshops on civics and history tied to Indian Education for All (IEFA), and launching a statewide contest for youth-designed artwork or videos submitted to the national time capsule. This collaborative effort would culminate in a grand unveiling at the 2026 Montana State Fair or a dedicated “Montana Freedom Fest,” blending rodeo traditions with historical reenactments, veteran tributes, and tech demos of Montana-born innovations (e.g., in aerospace or renewable energy). By fostering partnerships—leveraging the Montana 250th Commission’s mandate to build public awareness and highlight veterans’ sacrifices—this initiative would bring Montana’s diverse communities closer, instilling a sense of shared national identity among youth. It transforms the 250th from a distant federal event into a local legacy, ensuring Montana creates “a celebration to remember” that strengthens bonds as one nation, undivided by geography or grievance. Through heartfelt participation, young people can make an authentic and meaningful difference, connecting personally with America’s story and forging genuine bonds that transcend generations. 🏛️