

= Foundation for Economic Education =

The Foundation for Economic Education ( FEE ) " is a non @-@ political , non @-@ profit , tax @-@ exempt educational foundation " dedicated to the " economic , ethical and legal principles of a free society . " FEE publishes books , the magazine The Freeman , hosts seminars , and lectures .

= = History = =

Founded in 1946 by Leonard E. Read , Henry Hazlitt , David Goodrich , Donaldson Brown , Leo Wolman , Fred R. Fairchild , Claude E. Robinson , and Jasper Crane , the foundation is the oldest free @-@ market think tank in the United States . Read served as president from 1946 until his death in 1983 .

Perry E. Gresham followed his friend Read as president in 1983 . The presidency of FEE from 1983 to 1984 was held by John Sparks Sr. , from 1984 to 1985 by Bob Love , from 1985 to 1988 by a series of acting presidents , then from 1988 to 1992 by Bruce Evans . After retiring from Grove City College where he taught economics , Hans Sennholz served as president from 1992 to 1997 . Donald J. Boudreaux served as president from 1997 to 2001 , before moving on to chair the Department of Economics at George Mason University . Economist , investment analyst , professor and author Mark Skousen served as president from 2001 to 2002 . Author and professor Richard Ebeling served as president from 2003 to 2008 . The current president is economist , author , and professor Lawrence W. Reed , since 2008 .

= = Significance = =

During his extended graduate studies at Columbia University , Murray Rothbard was influenced by FEE economist Baldy Harper . So it makes sense that Rothbard credited FEE with creating a " crucial open center " for a libertarian movement . Friedrich Hayek saw FEE as part of the inspiration for the formation of the Mont Pelerin Society in 1947 . Beyond inspiration , FEE provided a financial subsidy to the Mont Pelerin Society . Hayek encouraged Anthony Fisher to found the Institute of Economic Affairs after visiting FEE in 1952 . Ludwig von Mises had a " long @-@ term association with the Foundation for Economic Education . " According to the 2014 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report FEE is number 47 out of 60 in the " Top Think Tanks in the United States " .

= = Location = =

FEE first occupied two rooms on the 30th floor of the Equitable Building in Manhattan in 1946 . Still in 1946 , the organization moved to the Hillside mansion in Irvington , New York , where FEE would remain for 68 years . In 2014 , FEE sold its Irvington headquarters as a part of the transfer of operations to Atlanta , Georgia .

= = Programs = =

FEE describes its mission as to " inspire , educate and connect future leaders with the economic , ethical and legal principles of a free society . " FEE offers a variety of programs for high school students , undergraduates , and graduate students . Since 1946 FEE has sponsored lectures by Ludwig von Mises , F.A. Hayek , Henry Hazlitt , Milton Friedman , James M. Buchanan , Vernon Smith , Walter Williams , F.A. " Baldy " Harper , William F. Buckley Jr. and others .

= = Publications = =

In 1945 du Pont executive Jasper Crane , along with Alfred Kohlberg , started a capital campaign for the organization . After contributions from J. Howard Pew , Inland Steel , Quaker Oats , and Sears enough funding was available for FEE to purchase and take up publishing The Freeman in

1950 . FEE publishes books , articles , and pamphlets both on paper and digitally that the foundation considers classic works on liberty . These include the notable publications I , Pencil : My Family Tree by Read , The Law by Bastiat , Anything That 's Peaceful by Read , Planned Chaos by Mises , Industry @-@ Wide Bargaining by Wolman , Up from Poverty : Reflections on the Ills of Public Assistance by Sennholz , and The Virtue of Liberty by Machan .