

# Storytelling Brings Generations Together



Americans All makes it possible for an individual to **invest \$24.50** to [record](#), share and [archive](#) his or her legacy story—an incredibly valuable asset. In addition to our storytelling component, members and their families gain access to our current and future social studies resources—a **\$500+** value. They also get discounts from program partners and a free 3-month trial subscription to our Social Legacy Network—worth **\$1,750** in transferable tuition discounts at participating colleges and universities. **Students helping seniors create their legacy story receive a free legacy story for themselves, and schools, libraries and historical societies participate for free.**

The history of our nation is deeply tied to immigration. Ancestors of *all* Americans came here from diverse locations. Many of their unrecorded stories represent history's missing pages.

- All generations need to pass on the knowledge they inherit from their families. This is extremely important; without it, how will children understand their roots, embrace their identity and learn how to relate to others?
- Most people, especially students, rely too heavily on electronic devices to do just about everything. Consequently, it's getting harder for them to become proficient in written communication, a skill they will need as they move on from high school to college or job interviews.

The following links provide detailed information on our program.

- Americans All Website: [www.americansall.org](http://www.americansall.org)
- Introductory Video: <https://youtu.be/I0pVbOcspcw>
- Program Overview: <https://americansall.org/program-overview>
- Information PowerPoint: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc9/21184/power-point-presentation-21184-pdf-2-1-meg?da=y>
- View the Americans All Website Tutorials: <https://americansall.org/page/americans-all-web-site-tutorials>
- Implementation Model for AOH: [www.americansall.org/aohmember](http://www.americansall.org/aohmember)
- Legacy Café Podcast: <https://legacycafe.org/kids/>



## Program Summary

Leveraging the public's interest in legacy preservation provides the funds we need to continue our education mission. The history of our nation is deeply tied to [immigration](#), and ancestors of all Americans came here from diverse locations. [Legacy stories](#) share these experiences and offer insight, helping to make history come alive for today's students.

Moreover, by researching and writing their own story or by helping others do so, students will build the communication skills they need to succeed in college and/or the workforce.

Our easy-to-use templates help individuals and groups *inexpensively* create their legacy stories in multiple languages with text, photos, home videos and audio recordings. A portion of the online story can be password protected, and a shorter version can be printed to fit an 8½" x 11" format. The one-time, tax-deductible cost for an Americans All membership is just \$49.00 (\$24.50 using a 50 percent [Legacy Partner](#) discount code). Members also receive free

access to our high-quality [social studies](#) resources (a \$500+ value), which are being used in more than 2,000 schools and libraries nationwide. [Tutorials](#) help members set up a user account and create a legacy story. **Students helping seniors create their legacy story receive a free legacy story for themselves and schools and libraries join for free.**

Legacy stories are published on our Web-based [Heritage Honor Roll](#). Our Legacy Partners include ethnic and cultural groups; education organizations; and local, regional and/or national groups and businesses. Nonprofit Legacy Partners participate in our program at no cost because they host Heritage Honor Roll legacy stories to give them more exposure. Business Legacy Partners also host stories and pay a small fee, enabling them to share discounts on products and services with our members. They both can have more than one Americans All home page, and individuals and groups can share their stories on as many home pages as they desire. Education organizations receive a free Heritage Honor Roll legacy story because they can share content to support social studies instruction. Legacy stories created by Americans All members can also be found by using major Internet [search engines](#).

Moreover, we offer members a free 3-month subscription to our Social Legacy Network for additional benefits. After the trial period, the cost is \$4 per month. Included in the subscription is [CollegeSave](#), under which families receive 250 points each month (each point is worth \$1 in discounts) and can earn up to \$52,000 in college tuition discounts at more than 385 participating colleges in 45 states nationwide. These discounts can be used for children, grandchildren and extended family members. **In 2017, students submitted rewards points worth more than \$80.1 million in tuition discounts at participating colleges.**

Americans All Program (one-time \$24.50 fee) and Social Legacy Network Membership Benefits\*

Online version

Type password here

www.americansall.org/node/226266

\*\$4 Monthly Upgrade for Social Legacy Network

Newsletter

COLLEGE SAVE

www.americansall.org/node/553381



## Legacy Partners

Legacy Partners are businesses and nonprofit organizations whose missions reinforce our goals of preserving legacy stories and supporting excellence in social studies instruction. They can be searched on our Web site by name, language, category and location.

All Legacy Partners receive a 6-digit ID Number so their clients, members and staff can [register](#) for Americans All at the \$24.50 discounted membership rate. Moreover, Legacy Partners can access Americans All logos and marketing materials to help advertise their membership in our program.



### Business Legacy Partners

Business Legacy Partners pay a \$49 fee that is renewable every 6 months. For this fee, you can:

- Receive free home pages on our Web site—one for each location and in multiple languages, if desired—to share information about your business or practice and advertise discounts for current and future Americans All members.
- Get 2 free 7-digit Gift Codes (worth \$49) to publish stories on our Heritage Honor Roll. We recommend using one of the codes to create a story on your business or practice and the other to create a story on yourself. Every renewal includes two 7-digit Codes, which can be gifted to employees or family members.
- Host, on your home page(s), [legacy stories](#) that customers have published on our Heritage Honor Roll to provide further exposure for these stories. By doing so, you begin creating or expanding an affinity club for your business or practice.
- Be listed on both our [Discounts](#) page and our Legacy Partner landing page, so Americans All members can identify Business Legacy Partners offering discounts on goods and services.

Your participation in Americans All supports social studies education in schools and reinforces your important role in the community.

### Nonprofit Legacy Partners

Nonprofit Legacy Partners can create free home page(s) on our Web site—one for each chapter/division and in multiple languages, if desired—to share information about yourself and better connect with your current and future members. Nonprofits participate in Americans All at no cost because you host, on your home page(s) on our Web site, [legacy stories](#) your members have published on our Heritage Honor Roll to provide further exposure for these stories. Your participation in our program supports social studies education in schools and reinforces your important role in the community.



## A Sample Legacy Partner Personalized Home Page



Text describing the Legacy Partner. This information can be in multiple languages and updated at any time.

### Legacy Stories from the Americans All Heritage Honor Roll

Our education organization, ethnic and cultural group or business is pleased to host and share these legacy stories created by our students, staff members and clients.

Search by:  and   
Language State

and  or   
Last Name of Individual First Name of Individual Group name

**Maxime "Max" Chalmin** [Chalmin Family] (*October 7, 1909 - April 30, 1977*) Executive Chef /node/548408

My father, Maxime Chalmin, was born in Coulandon, France, in October 1909. In his late teens and beyond, and after a series of "apprenticeship" assignments as was the professional development protocol in those days, he came to the United States as a cook at the Belgian Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair.

[Read more](#)

**Maxime "Max" Chalmin** [Chalmin Family] (*October 7, 1909 - April 30, 1977*) Chef de Cuisine /node/434148

Mon père Maxime Chalmin, est né à Coulandon, Centre de la France, en Octobre, 1909. Après sa scolarité en France, il est devenu apprenti (comme cela se faisait à l'époque) il se dirige vers le métier de la restauration et il arrive aux Etats Unis en 1939 comme cuisinier au pavillon Belge de l'Exposition Internationale.

Stories can be published in any character set

[Read more](#)

**Constantine "Connie" Foltis** [Constantine Foltis Memorial Foundation] (*December 1, 1929 - June 16, 2011*) Naval Architect /node/434039

Constantine "Connie" Foltis was born in New York City on December 1, 1929, and died at Bailey Family Center for Caring of Community Hospice in St. Augustine, Florida, on June 16, 2011. Those who knew him at the center would never forget his generosity, talent, laughter, friendship, love, and compassion.

[Read more](#)

**Constantine "Connie" Foltis** [Constantine Foltis Memorial Foundation] (*December 1, 1929 - June 16, 2011*) Ναυπηγός /node/548538

Ο Κωνσταντίνος (επίσης γνωστός ως Κόνι) Φόλτης γεννήθηκε στη Νέα Υόρκη την 1η Δεκεμβρίου 1929, και απεβίωσε στο Οικογενειακό Κέντρο Φροντίδας Bailey για Κοινωνική Φροντίδα Τέλος Ζωής στην πόλη του Αγίου Αυγουστίνου της Φλόριντα στις 6 Ιουνίου 2011. Όσοι τον γνώριζαν στο κέντρο δεν θα ξεχάσουν ποτέ την του γενναιοδωρία του, το ταλέντο του, το γέλιο του, τη φιλία του, την αγάπη του. . . .

## Benefits of Storytelling to Students

Storytelling affords students both academic and personal benefits.

- Stories begin at birth, and *legacies* are built each time a personal, academic or professional milestone is achieved. Every student has important experiences and lessons learned to share with family, friends and future generations. Creating and publishing a [story](#) about themselves helps students develop skills in critical thinking, communicating, researching and, especially, writing—skills needed to help ensure their success in college and/or the workforce.
- By learning to use concise language and enhancing stories with photographs and other media, students can record important events and memories as well as share their pride in their ethnic and cultural identity.
- Publishing a legacy story on our Web-based [Heritage Honor Roll](#) ensures the significance of a lifetime will not be forgotten and enables students to have a permanent and an accessible social media presence that truly describes who they are.
- Storytelling can also be a wonderful intergenerational bonding experience that builds empathy, compassion and understanding.
- By helping others less skilled in the art of writing and the use of technology to incorporate images and recordings into their legacy stories, a student can earn [service-learning](#) credits.
- Helping others create and enhance a story also demonstrates to prospective employers and postsecondary institutions a student's character and appreciation for how volunteerism benefits a community.
- **Students helping seniors create their legacy story receive a free legacy story for themselves.**

Students joining Americans All get electronic access to our high-quality social studies [classroom resources](#) (a \$500+ value) to help them complete homework assignments and special projects.

Believing education is a lifelong process, we offer members a free 3-month subscription to our [Social Legacy Network](#) to receive even more benefits. After the trial period, the cost is \$4 per month. Included in the subscription is [CollegeSave](#), under which families receive 250 points each month (each point is worth \$1 in discounts) and can earn up to \$52,000 in college tuition discounts at more than 385 participating colleges in 45 states nationwide. These discount points can be used for children, grandchildren and extended family members. [In 2017, students submitted rewards points worth more than \\$80.1 million in tuition discounts at participating colleges.](#)

## Benefits of Storytelling to Schools, Libraries and Historical Societies

Schools participate in Americans All for free because they reinforce our goals of creating and sharing legacy stories and supporting excellence in social studies instruction.

- Schools easily provide opportunities—in many subject areas—for students to create legacy stories, without changing established classroom lesson plans or instructional practices.
- Schools enable students to receive credit for volunteer activities that have an academic component. [Students do not have to join Americans All to earn service-learning credits.]
- Organizations receive a free story on their school that is published on our Heritage Honor Roll.
- Organizations host, on their free Americans All [Legacy Partner](#) home page(s), stories from our Heritage Honor Roll about their members, students, staff and associates.