



William Clinton

42nd President

Born: August 19, 1946

Birthplace: Hope, AR

Spouse: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Occupation: Law school professor

Political Party: Democratic

Term: 1993-2001

Vice President: Albert Gore, Jr.

William Jefferson Clinton became the nation's youngest governor in 40 years when he took office in Arkansas in 1978.

Born in Hope, AR, on August 19, 1946, Clinton received a bachelor's degree from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service in 1968 and studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, 1968-1970. He obtained his law degree from Yale University in 1973.

Unsuccessful in a bid for a U.S. House seat in 1974, he was elected attorney general of Arkansas in 1976. He was elected to the first of five terms as governor at the age of 32, succeeding Democrat David Pryor, who was elected to the U.S. Senate that year.

His campaign to run again for Arkansas' highest office proved successful for Clinton in 1990, as he won re-election by defeating five challengers in the primary and overpowering Republican multimillionaire Sheffield Nelson in the election.

Clinton, named chairman of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council in 1990, resigned that position in August 1991 when it became clear that he was running for president.

Clinton won the presidency in 1992, campaigning on the need for change to rescue the country from an economic recession.