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The Northeast Junior State of America
2012 Spring State Convention
Stamford Marriott, April 21-22, 2012

“The American Identity: From the Founders to the Future”
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Register at www.jsa.org/myjsa

REGISTRATION PACKET

CONVENTION DETAILS

The Junior State of America hopes you will be able to join hundreds of students and teachers from throughout the Northeast for an exciting educational experience at this weekend-long convention.

JSA conventions are large and complex and take considerable advance planning, especially in reserving our space requirements with the hotel. Chapters are encouraged to begin the registration process early. **EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY THE DEADLINE.** Call your Program Director, Elizabeth Ventura, at (202) 591-3734 if you have problems meeting the deadline.

Student	\$ 105.00	Member Registration Rate
Registration:	\$ 120.00	Late Registration Rate
	\$ 45.00	Extra Night Fee
Teacher	Free	Teacher Advisor Shared Double Room
Registration:	\$ 85.00	Private Room

There is an additional fee of \$10 per person for paper registration.

The student registration rates listed above are for tax-paid members of a chapter with 8 or more members. A Junior State chapter **should not register delegation members who have not paid taxes.** If you would like to start a Junior State chapter in your school, download the chapter start-up guide at the Junior State of America’s website at <http://jsa.org/downloads/jsa-chapter-resources/>

Junior State of America Spring State

The American Identity: From the Founders to the Future

April 21-22, 2012

Location: Stamford Marriott Hotel, 243 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901 – 203-357-9555

Check-in: Delegation registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21st

Room keys will not be available until 5:30 p.m.; storage for luggage will be provided.

Teachers' rooms will not be available until after 5:30 p.m., but we will try to get keys early when possible.

Check-out: The convention will end Sunday at approximately 3:00 p.m. Delegates will be required to check out of their rooms by 9 a.m. on Sunday. Luggage storage will be available.

Approval: Check with the Vice-Principal or Activities Director at your school about any school approval that needs to be arranged. Do this well in advance to allow time for obtaining approval.

Teacher/Advisor Registration:

For every group of 1-19 students in your delegation, you **MUST** bring at least one teacher. For example you will need 1 teacher for 1-19 students; 2 for 20-39 students, 3 for 40-59 students, etc.

Teachers sharing twin room accommodations register for twin room accommodations (shared with another teacher of the same sex in a room with two beds).

For registration for Teacher Advisors who would like a private room, there is an extra fee of \$90/night.

A \$15 **per student** late fee will be assessed on ALL registrations that are not received by the registration deadline. **Also, remember that we will not accept any changes to your registration after the Monday leading up to the convention.**

What the Fee Covers: One night's lodging at the hotel, all educational materials, two days of exciting educational programs and the Saturday evening activities. Meals are not included, but arrangements have been made with the hotel to provide inexpensive meal options.

WHERE TO SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT—please note new mailing address:

The Junior State of America
1411 K St. NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005

Refunds: Because we have to make guarantees to the hotel far in advance of the convention, **we are unable to make refunds after the registration deadline has passed.** Likewise, if you send in a copy of documentation and a guarantee that a school check is being processed, you will be held to your original headcount and will not receive a refund for any students who cancel.

We encourage paid delegates who find themselves unable to attend to find another student from their school to go in their place and have the new delegate reimburse them for the registration fee. Each replacement student **MUST** submit a permission slip.

Transportation: Delegates may not travel to the convention in student-driven cars. Student drivers will be reported to their schools and to their parents and will be sent home immediately.

Delegations are encouraged to form car pools with parent and/or teacher advisor drivers or to charter a school bus or van. There is complimentary hotel parking for buses. Parking for cars is \$6/day.

Conduct: Rules of conduct for the convention are listed on the Parental Permission Slips that each delegate and his/her parent or guardian must read and sign as part of the registration process.

Delegation Leaders (e.g. Chapter Presidents) and Teacher/Advisors should review with their delegates all of the rules stated in the Permission Slips and Dress Code to ensure that all members of their delegations can be counted upon to honor them. Additional rules may be announced by the Junior Statesmen Staff or Teacher/Advisor at the convention.

We reserve the right to send home, without refund, any individual delegate, or even an entire delegation, for violations of the rules.

Fundraising: We hope every delegation is actively raising funds to lower convention prices for its members. Many chapters sponsor fund raisers such as car washes, candy sales, and garage sales to help defray convention costs. Some chapters write local businesses and service organizations to solicit funds. One key to a successful fund raising campaign is starting early. Discuss plans for Spring State fund raisers with your chapter members right away! For more fund raising ideas, contact your Governor, program director, or download the Fundraising Manual from www.jsa.org/downloads.

Chapter of the Year: Spring State is when chapters will make their presentations for the Ernest A. Rogers Chapter of the Year Award. This award is given to one chapter in each JSA jurisdiction who has demonstrated excellence and statesmanship throughout the past year. Chapters need to assemble a **5-8 minute presentation** to give at a special meeting during Spring State; we will be adhering to strict time constraints so please practice your presentation prior to the convention. If applying for the award, chapters need to submit their paperwork by April 15th. Instructions and application can be found at the end of this packet.

Elections: The feature event of every Spring State Convention is the exciting elections of Junior State Officers. These offices include Northeast Governor, Northeast Lieutenant Governor, ECR Mayor, ECR Vice Mayor, NER Mayor, and NER Vice Mayor. Your chapter is encouraged to actively participate in the elections by getting to know each person running, working for a candidate, or by running your own candidate. The election handbook describing the election procedures has been sent to Chapter President and all candidates that have declared thus far. A copy of the handbook can be found at <http://northeast.jsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/FEC-HANDBOOK-2011-2012.pdf>. Contact FEC Chair Caleb Hersh at chersh@northeastjsa.org with questions concerning elections.

Debating, Moderating, and other Convention Activities:

Debater and Moderator sign-up can be done at:
<http://jsa.debateware.com>

Each students will need his/her own account in the Debate Ware System. This is a separate database than the MyJSA Portal that is used to register members. Debater/Moderator selections will be made on or about April 11th.

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS?

You can call or email the Junior State Headquarters at any time if you have any questions or problems with the registration procedure:

Elizabeth Ventura, Program Director	(202) 591-3734	eventura@jsa.org
Kyle Simmons, Assistant Program Director	(202) 591-3730	ksimmons@jsa.org

You can also contact these student leaders for more information:

Rachel Weber, Governor:	(845) 825-6528	rweber@jsa.org
Connie Zhou, Convention Coordinator:	(203) 451-1856	czhou@northeastjsa.org

Sample Spring State Agenda
Saturday, April 21, 2012

Registration: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Opening Session & Candidate Declarations: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Block I: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

- Novice Debate: Resolved that high school student governments be abolished.
- Historical Debate (1965): Resolved, that the use of busing to encourage diversity in public schools is constitutional.
- Debate: Resolved, that elected officials and their staffs be mandated to publicly disclose all meetings with lobbyists.
- Debate: Resolved, that capital gains be taxed at the same rate as income.

Block II: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- Teacher Advisor Meeting
- Speed Chess Debate: Resolved, that the Iraq War failed to achieve its goal.
- Debate: Resolved, that charter schools contribute to the failure of the public school system.
- Debate: Resolved, that the third party candidate has a viable chance in the presidential election.
- Thought Talk: Is the current United States government consistent with the Founding Fathers' vision?

Lunch: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Candidates Forum: 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Block III: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- Council of Chapter Presidents Meeting
- Debate: Resolved, that the United States has an obligation to support pro-democracy movements in the Middle East.
- Debate: Resolved, that the United States Department of Education be abolished.
- Debate: Resolved, that President Obama will be reelected in November 2012.
- Thought Talk: From what sources does government derive its power?

Block IV: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- Teacher Advisor Reception & Chapter of the Year Presentations
- Debate: Resolved, that the Tea Party will be a notable force in this presidential election.
- Debate: Resolved, that the United States debt limit be abolished.
- Debate: Society through the eyes of Antonin Scalia & Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Resolved, that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional.
- Crisis Thought Talk: What would you do if terrorists threatened the United States with biological weapons?

Key Distribution: 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Dinner: 5:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Regional Elections: 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Nighttime Activities: 9:30 PM – Midnight

- Dance
- Movie
- Quiz Bowl

Sunday, April 22nd, 2012

Breakfast & Checkout: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Keynote Speaker: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Block V: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

- Summer School Information Session
- Debate: Resolved, that 1st Amendment rights be applied to students and adults equally.
- Debate: Resolved, that the United States ban offshore drilling.
- Debate: Society Through the Eyes of Alexander Hamilton and James Madison: Resolved, that governing power should be primarily reserved for the states.
- Thought Talk: What impact do partisan news networks have on the political process?

Block VI: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Debate: Resolved, that the United States end its policy of birthright citizenship.
- Resolved, that current FDA regulations on pharmaceuticals are too restrictive.
- Future Crisis Debate: United States President: China reclaims their debt. What do you do?
- Thought Talk: Should the United States take a militaristic approach in regards to Iran's nuclear program?

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Block VII: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

- TA/Student Tag Team: Resolved, that teachers unions are detrimental to the American education system.
- Philosophical Debate: Resolved, that justice is more important than liberty.
- Resolved, that Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac be dissolved.
- Thought Talk: How should government define marriage?

State Elections & Closing Session: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SPRING STATE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

All student participants from your high school and their Teacher/Advisor(s) will register as a group online using **MyJSA** at www.jsa.org/myjsa. Chapter presidents and Teacher/Advisors will register their chapters online through **MyJSA**, making sure to complete registration by the deadline. Accuracy is important: these names are used to create name tags and are double checked against your submitted room lists, so please make sure names are spelled correctly and email addresses and other contact information is correct.

To use the web-based registration system you must be designated as a Chapter President or Teacher/Advisor in the **MyJSA** membership management system. To have your **MyJSA** account upgraded to "Chapter President" or "Teacher/Advisor" please:

- Complete and return via mail, fax or email a new Chapter Leadership Form (available online at jsa.org)
- Call or email your JSA Program Director or JSA Offices at (800) 317-9338
- Submit an online request at www.jsa.org/myjsa

JSA staff will update the system to reflect the current chapter leadership within one business day.

If any of your members do not register before the deadline, we will house students based on available space, rather than according to your requested Rooming List, and you will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 per student. NO CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MONDAY BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

ONLINE GROUP REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND TEACHER/ADVISORS

Step 1: Meet with the Vice-Principal or Activities Director at your school to learn about and understand the process for obtaining your school's approval to attend the convention. Many schools require 6 – 8 weeks prior notice so meet with your administration at least 10 weeks before the convention date.

Step 2: Make sure you have access to Chapter Management online at **MyJSA**. Go to www.jsa.org/myjsa and confirm that you have access to the chapter management features. If you are the Chapter President or Teacher/Advisor you should see a "My Chapter" option on the home page after you log in. If you do not see the My Chapter option, click on the "Upgrade My Account" link in the upper right, and submit the request form. Your account should be upgraded to have My Chapter access within two business days.

Step 3: Log into MyJSA and **indicate your delegation leaders**. If you have My Chapter access, you should also see a group registration form for your chapter under My Events. It will have a title like "2012 Spring State – Lincoln H.S." Click on the link, and select your student delegation leader and primary attending teacher or chaperon. You should do this as soon as your chapter has permission to attend (even before you know how many delegates you will have), as this allows us to plan for your attendance. If you have a My Chapter tab but you do not see a registration form for your chapter under My Events, contact the JSA office and we will create one for you under your account.

Step 4: Complete all of the forms in this registration packet as a **guide** for your online registration. Even though you will be registering online, it provides useful logistical information, as well as a set of the rules and other pertinent information. Note that there is a **\$10 per person paper registration fee** for chapters that do not register online. For large delegations the paper registration fee can be hundreds of dollars, so don't waste your chapter's money - register online!

Step 5: Update your chapter roster. Make sure your entire new and returning chapter members are listed under your membership roster in our database. We recommend that you bring a computer with an internet connection to your first few meetings, and have members fill out a new member form online if they are not already listed on your membership roster. **You should have all members entered in MyJSA**, with correct and complete contact information.

Step 6: Collect registration fees and permission slips. At the beginning of March, you should begin collecting Spring State registration fees and permission slips from all of your members who will attend convention. Keep track of who has paid and who has submitted permission slips using the forms in your registration packet or a spreadsheet on your computer.

Step 7: Create a rooming list. Once you know all the members of your delegation, use the rooming list form in the registration packet to note who will room together. Your program director send you an email with link to a rooming list form, which will have detailed instructions about rooming arrangements. You can then enter your rooming preferences online. If you have not received the rooming list email, please contact your Program Director.

Step 8: Calculate the total cost for your delegation. Use the instructions in the registration packet to calculate the total cost for your delegation, including student registration fees and any extra fees for teacher/advisors.

Step 9: Log in and submit your registration for your delegation. The online registration form will ask for the information that you have assembled above, namely, the delegates for your group and convention pricing package for each delegate. The students and adults that you register are selected from your chapter roster; this is why it is important to make sure your roster is complete, as described above in Step 4. After submitting your registration online you will see an invoice, which shows the total amount due and your delegation list.

Step 10: Send in your payment, rooming list, and permission slips to the Junior State of America Washington DC office. If you are paying for your delegation by credit card, you can call the office to supply the credit card information.

HOUSING

Four students of the same sex are housed in a room with two beds; make sure your delegates are aware of this.

In cases where a delegation has fewer than four students of one sex assigned to a room, delegates from another high school will be housed with your delegates in that room.

Elected and appointed JSA student officers (approved by the Program Director) who have been invited to come to the convention one day early and stay in a room with other JSA student officers must get the approval of their Teacher/Advisor and should be listed in their school's delegation. List the student officers separately on the Rooming List Form and notify your Program Director via email with acknowledgment from the Teacher/Advisor.

Students or chaperones that need special arrangements due to a physical disability or handicap must make those arrangements with the program director before the registration deadline. Failure to do so may mean that such arrangements may not be possible.

WHAT TO SUBMIT AFTER COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION

(Make a copy of each item for your records)

- Rooming list. This should be submitted online. You will receive an email with a link to the online form after you have submitted your delegation leaders online using MyJSA.
- Permission slip for each student, signed by the student and a parent or guardian. Please, make copies of the permission slip from this packet and give to delegates or request extras from the JSA Office. Permission slips should be mailed to the JSA Washington DC office; please do not fax signed permission slips.
- Teacher/Advisor Responsibilities Form. Use the copy from this packet.
- Application for Chapter of the Year (if applicable).
- FEC forms for any chapters that have a candidate running for office.
- Payment in full for each registered student (see Payment Options below) or evidence that you've made arrangements to have a check sent, such as a Purchase Order. Don't postpone submitting your registration materials if there will be delay in the school issuing a check. Submit your materials with a Purchase Order number issued by the school, or fax us a copy of the check request submitted to your school accounting office.
- Payment in full for membership taxes and a completed tax form:
<http://www.jsa.org/download/taxformpaymentonly.pdf>

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- 1) School Check:** **ONE** inclusive check payable to The Junior State from the school. If your school cannot process your check request before the registration deadline, fax a copy of the documentation showing that you have arranged with the school to send the check, plus a guarantee from the school that payment will be received before the start of the convention.
- 2) Personal Check:** **ONE** inclusive check payable to The Junior State from a parent or teacher (delegates will pay that individual).
- 3) Credit Card:** JSA will accept credit card payments for registration by phone. Please call (800) 317-9338.
- 4) Purchase Order:** A school purchase order (must be payable within 30 days of registration deadline).
 - **Do not send individual personal checks from the delegates.**
 - **Do not send cash.**

Your delegation will not be registered until payment is received in one of the forms listed above.

WHERE TO SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT

The Junior State of America
1411 K St. NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005

SPRING STATE REGISTRATION FORM

(To be used as a guide before registering online)

HIGH SCHOOL _____ TODAY'S DATE _____

STUDENT DELEGATION LEADER

TEACHER/ADVISOR (Use separate sheet for additional T/As)

NAME _____ GRAD YEAR _____

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

(_____) _____

(_____) _____

AREA CODE/CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

AREA CODE/CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

(_____) _____

(_____) _____

FAX NUMBER _____

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (absolutely required) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (absolutely required) _____

Our entire delegation will consist of _____ people (_____ students + _____ Teacher/Advisors)

Number

_____ Student Member Standard Registration \$105.00 \$ _____

_____ Student Registration with Extra Night (Friday) \$ 150.00 \$ _____

_____ Teacher/Advisor Shared Room \$0.00 \$ _____
(one T/A per 19 students)

_____ Teacher/Advisor Private Room \$ 85.00 \$ _____
(one T/A per 19 students)

_____ Teacher/Advisor Private Room with Extra Night \$ 170.00 \$ _____

_____ Late Fee after March 20 (Per Student) \$15.00 \$ _____

_____ Paper Registration Administration Fee (Per Student) \$10.00 \$ _____

Please enclose ONE INCLUSIVE CHECK/PAYMENT for the amount of: \$ _____

NO REFUNDS after the Registration Deadline

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to:
THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA
1411 K St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005

SPRING STATE CONVENTION -- HOTEL ROOMING LIST

(To be used as a guide before submitting online)

HIGH SCHOOL _____

- * Please print VERY clearly -- your name tags will be made from this list.
- * Students from other schools should not be listed on your form, unless they are part of your official delegation.
- * 4 students per room will share 2 double beds--fill each room to the extent possible.
- * Students of the same sex who are staying an extra night should be roomed together.
- * Make sure your teacher approves this list, including his/her room arrangements, by signing his/her name at the bottom.
- * Make a copy of this list before you send us the original.

ROOM #1 -- Females

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ROOM #1 – Males

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ROOM #2 -- Females

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ROOM #2 – Males

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ROOM #3 -- Females

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ROOM #3 – Males

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TEACHER/ADVISORS (first and last name) Please print clearly -- your name tag will be made from this list.	Room Type <small>Private or Shared</small>	Room Price	Roommate Request or Spouse <small>(List Name)</small>
Mrs./Ms./Mr.			
Mrs./Ms./Mr.			
Mrs./Ms./Mr.			

Teacher Advisor Approval: I have reviewed our school's Registration Form and Hotel Rooming List. It is accurate, and I approve of the students attending.

Teacher/Advisor _____ Date _____

SPRING STATE CONVENTION -- HOTEL ROOMING LIST (Continued)

ADDITIONAL DELEGATES Hotel Rooming List (continued from previous page)

You may need to make copies of this form first in order to include all of your delegates.

Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

ROOM #4 – Females		Notes
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ROOM #4 – Males		Notes
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ROOM #5 – Females		
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ROOM #5 -- Males		
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ROOM #6 – Females		
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ROOM #6 -- Males		
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ROOM #7 – Females		
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ROOM #7 -- Males		
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HIGH SCHOOL _____ TODAY'S DATE _____

Teacher/Advisor Approval: I have reviewed this list. It is accurate, and I approve of the students attending:

Teacher/Advisor Signature

TEACHER/ADVISOR CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Junior State of America and The Junior Statesmen Foundation sincerely thank you for agreeing to accompany your delegation to the upcoming convention. Outlined below are mandatory responsibilities of teacher/advisors at a Junior State convention. Please review them and send in this form, signed, with your registration materials. Ultimately, you are responsible for the students in your delegation so please check with your administration regarding rules pertaining to school trips.

1. **BE PRESENT.** In compliance with your school or school district rules, teacher/advisors must be present onsite at the convention hotel and/or accompany students during the convention. Additionally, being readily available and present during the convention helps keep students on track and motivated.
2. **CHECK-IN.** Teacher/Advisors must be present with the student delegation leader at registration to check-in the delegation in the morning. In the afternoon, the students' guest room keys are given to the teacher/advisor for distribution. Please make sure to bring contact information for all your students and establish a way that students can reach you during the convention either by cell phone and/or at specified locations and times during the convention.
3. **TEACHER/ADVISOR MEETING.** At every convention, teacher/advisors must attend a meeting with The Junior Statesmen Foundation staff to review convention logistics, convention and hotel rules and important announcements for the weekend.
4. **CHAPTER CAUCUS.** After dinner, all delegates must check in with their teacher/advisors. Teacher/Advisors must take roll at the caucus and report any missing delegates to the Junior Statesmen staff. Teacher/Advisors should review the convention rules, curfew time, and checkout time with the delegates.
5. **HALL MONITORING/DANCE SUPERVISION.** We require that all teacher/advisors sign up for shifts in the evening either to monitor the hallways of the hotel or to chaperone the dance. Instructions for signing up and performing hall monitoring and dance supervision will be covered at the mandatory teacher/advisor meeting at the convention.
6. **CURFEW -- ROOM CHECKS.** At curfew, teacher/advisors must go to all of their delegates' rooms and check to make sure they are present. Delegates that miss curfew may be sent home. At this time, please pass along any announcements for the next day.
7. **CHECKOUT.** All delegates must check out of their rooms by 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Luggage storage has been arranged for them. You should meet your delegates in the morning at 9:00 a.m. to collect their room keys. After making sure that all delegates have checked out of their rooms, you can turn the keys in to the registrar at the Junior State registration table.
8. **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES/DISCIPLINARY ISSUES.** The Junior Statesmen Foundation staff at the convention will contact you if a member of your school's delegation has a serious medical issue or violates major convention rules. Teacher/Advisors will coordinate with The Junior Statesmen Foundation staff to get medical attention for students, notify parents/guardians and school officials if necessary and send students home for serious rules violations.

I have reviewed the above responsibilities and agree to faithfully execute the duties required of me as a Teacher/Advisor at a Junior State Convention.

Signature

Date

Print Name

School

Cell phone number
(for emergencies during the convention)

The Ernest Andrew Rogers Outstanding Junior Statesmen Chapter of the Year Award

Each year at Spring State conventions across the nation, the Junior Statesmen Foundation recognizes the most outstanding chapters in each of its jurisdictions. The award is named in honor of JSA's founder, Professor Ernest Andrew Rogers, who is more commonly referred to as "Prof. Rogers." The idea for what is now known as the Junior State was first conceived by Prof. Rogers, headmaster of the Montezuma School in California's Santa Cruz Mountains in the early 1930s. Rogers had long maintained that one of the primary needs of a democracy was to train its youth in the essentials of good government. Rogers believed that without an informed populace, a democracy is worthless.

On an autumn evening in 1934, Prof. Rogers put the question before his students. Someone suggested a junior government -- an educational project to help create the statesmen and citizens of the future. Excited by the idea, the students began to set out the goals for their junior government. Non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-secret and non-profit, the organization would rise above the evils of propaganda and dirty politics. Students would not just learn about democracy, but would practice it among themselves. The Chapter of the Year Award is given to schools that fulfill the ideals envisioned by Prof. Rogers.

Rewards for Winning the Chapter of the Year Award

1. A plaque that can be engraved in order to be prominently displayed in your school's award case.
2. A \$1,000 scholarship to a Junior Statesmen Summer School AND a full scholarship to a Junior Statesmen Symposium for one member of the chapter.
3. One free private room to the chapter's Teacher/Advisor for all conventions the following year.
4. Be one of the 10 chapters nominated for the inaugural Junior State of America's National Civic Impact Award.

The National Civic Impact Award

This year, The Junior State of America will inaugurate its National Civic Impact Award in order to recognize the chapter that has had the biggest impact on increasing the level of civic awareness and engagement at their school. The award will go to one of the 10 chapters nationwide that were chosen as their state's Chapter of the Year. The winning chapter will receive:

1. A plaque that can be engraved in order to be prominently displayed in your school's award case.
2. A \$500 stipend reward to the chapter's lead Teacher Advisor.
3. A \$2,000 grant to the chapter in order to continue their civic engagement.

How to be Recognized as the "Chapter of the Year"

The Chapter of the Year is chosen at each state's Spring State Convention. In the past, Chapter Presidents and Teacher Advisors from each participating school were required to submit an essay and a scrapbook which provided an overview of the chapter's activities in order to be considered for the award. This year, Chapter Presidents and Teacher/Advisor will be asked to make a 5-10 minute presentation during a special activity block at Spring State to promote their chapter's candidacy for the Chapter of the Year Award.

Chapter of the Year Application Process

1. Review the "Criteria for Judging the Most Outstanding Chapter" listed below;
2. Submit a complete Chapter of the Year application to the state's program director at least one week prior to convention;
3. At Spring State, submit an essay written by the Chapter President and Teacher/Advisor describing ways in which the chapter meets the judging criteria to your state's program director.
4. At Spring State, the Teacher/Advisor and the Chapter President or his/her designee, will give a 5-10 minutes presentation to a panel of Teacher Advisors and Junior State staff who will decide which chapter will win the Chapter of the Year.
5. **Presentation Requirements**
 - a. Chapters should prepare and submit a PowerPoint Slideshow or Video Documentary that is saved on a CD or DVD;
 - b. The presentation could include photos, video, recorded narration, text, charts, graphs, and any other visual aids that help to convey the chapter's achievements;

- c. The student should be able to operate all equipment. Junior State will provide an LCD projector and laptop PC computer for all CDs and DVDs. Students should contact their state's program director to ensure that the equipment is compatible for your presentation.
- d. Video documentaries should not last more than five minutes so that there is time for questions and answers.

Description of the Ideal Junior State Chapter.

The ideal JSA chapter is the center of nonpartisan political activity and awareness on campus. A chapter that is doing the best possible job of educating, involving, and representing the youth of their school and community is living up fully to the goals of the Junior State of America. Outstanding JSA chapters have members who diligently plan, regularly attend, and actively participate in chapter, regional, and state activities that could include fundraisers, mini-conventions, regional one-day conferences, and JSA overnight conventions. Typical chapter activities include student debates of controversial issues, guest speakers, mock trials, candidate debates, and voter education and registration drives. Outstanding JSA chapters go out of their way to encourage involvement in, and understanding of, the processes of democratic self-government, and participation in programs sponsored by the Junior State of America and the Junior Statesmen Foundation.

Criteria for Judging the Most Outstanding Chapter

1. **Chapter Activities** - The chapter conducts activities that build interest in government and politics and in the Junior State of America throughout the school and their community.

Examples of Evidence: -Conducts a variety of diverse activities such as debates, thought-talks, guest speakers, simulations such as mock trials, and mini-conventions;
 -Holds political activities that involve its members such as letter-writing campaigns, mock elections, and public opinion polls;
 -Has good publicity for activities including signs, posters, articles in the high school newspaper, and announcements on the school website;
 -Has effective membership drives; successful fundraisers; social "bonding" events for chapter members.

2. **Leadership** - The chapter has as many people involved in the chapter leadership.

Examples of Evidence: -The Teacher/Advisor and chapter leadership work together as a team;
 -Officers attend all activities; communicate with other chapters;
 -Officers prepare underclassmen to assume leadership roles to replace graduating seniors.

3. **Maintains Chapter Interest** - Interest in the chapter builds as the year progresses rather than wanes or remains constant.

Examples of Evidence: -Members attend chapter activities, mini-conventions, regional conferences, and state conventions as the year progresses;
 -Increase in the number of tax-paid members as the year progresses;
 -Membership includes students from all grade levels within the school.

4. **Community Involvement** – The chapter is active in the community and engaged in the local political scene.

Examples of Evidence: -Attends school board and city council meetings;
 -Encourages members to work on political campaigns; Conducts voter registration drives;
 -Invites politicians and elected officials to speak; Members are involved in school and community issues;

5. **Conventions and Conferences** – Chapter has members who regularly participate in chapter, regional, and state activities.

Examples of Evidence: -Attendance at conventions, regional one-day conferences, and mini-conventions;
 -Members who serve as main speakers and/or moderators;

6. Presentation Quality

Examples of Evidence -The presentation is original, creative, well-organized, and imaginative in presentation;
 -All photographs, video, and/or audio are of high quality;
 -The presenter was an articulate and persuasive advocate for his/her chapter.

The Ernest Andrew Rogers Outstanding Junior Statesmen Chapter of the Year Award APPLICATION FORM

Directions: Chapters interested in competing for the Chapter of the Year Award should complete and submit this application form at least one week prior to Spring State Convention to their state's program director.

Name of Chapter:		Date:	
School Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Chapter President:			
CP Phone:		CP Email:	
Teacher Advisor:			
TA Cell Phone:		TA Email:	
Description of Presentation:			
Audio/Visual Requirements (Please contact the program director to ensure compatibility)			

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Dress Code Policy

All students who wish to participate in JSA overnight conventions are expected to abide by the new dress code outlined below. As an organization, JSA has always prided itself on leadership, statesmanship, and leading by example; these ideals go beyond the debates, thought talks, and simulations that take place during our events. JSA students are expected to speak, act, behave, think, and dress like leaders they strive to be. Students who are found in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into more appropriate clothing; repeat offenders may risk continued participation at overnight conventions.

All students are expected to dress modestly, professionally, and should ask themselves “would I wear this to meet my Congressperson as a representative of myself, my school, and of JSA?” or “would I wear this to a college admissions interview/job interview?”

The following are a series of guidelines that will be enforced during “business hours” in JSA, i.e. from Opening Session to Key/Distribution & Dinner on Saturdays, and from morning until Closing Session on Sundays. There may be additional times that students will be asked to remain in appropriate attire. **While the dress code will be relaxed during evening hours, JSA Staff and Teachers retain the right to ask a student to change into more appropriate attire at any time.**

Women:

What is appropriate

- Dress shirt with a collar, blouse, or sleeveless top *with* cap shoulders.
- Sweaters, coats, or suit jackets.
- Skirts or dresses no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Dress pants or dress capris.
- Flats, 3 inches (or less) heels, dress slip-ons.
- Nylons, tights or other solid colored hosiery.

What will cause you to be asked to change:

- Dresses and skirts lengths worn shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Revealing tank-tops, strapless or spaghetti straps.
- Tops worn “off the shoulder” or with open backs.
- Low-cut revealing tops, tight fit clothing.
- Jeans.
- High heels that exceed 3 inches.
- Tennis shoes, sandals, and flip flops; or winter boots such as Uggs.
- Fishnet or patterned hosiery.

Men:

What is appropriate

- Dress shirts with collars and ties.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants and worn with dress belt/suspenders.
- Dress pants, dress chinos, or khakis.
- Blazer/suit jacket or sweater over a dress shirt and tie.
- Dress shoes with or without laces. Loafers are acceptable.

What will cause you to be asked to change:

- Jeans, corduroys, cargo pants, and “critter pants.”
- Polo shirts, rugby shirts, other collared shirts
- Hooded sweatshirts in lieu of a sweater.
- Athletic sneakers, sandals, flip flops, Birkenstocks, and work-boots.