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Turning the Tide of American Politics*

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Registration Packet



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On April 22-23, 2017, the Northern California Junior State of America will hold its annual Spring State Convention at the Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, California. The Northern California student leaders hope you can join hundreds of other students and teachers from across California for an exciting educational experience at this weekend-long examination of the political climate the Millennial generation grew up in, the role the generation plays in current political decisions, and the influence the Millennial generation will have on politics in the United States for decades to come.

At a time when party polarization is near record highs, the development of a new generation of active citizens who can debate, compromise, and think critically about controversial economic, social, domestic, and international issues that have divided the American public, elected representatives, and presidential candidates alike is more important than ever. Through engaging in spirited debates, thought talks, and other activities, Spring State not only offers the opportunity to meet students from other schools throughout California, but also the opportunity to think critically, express your opinions, and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. We hope you leave Spring State 2017 with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the role Millennials have in determining the future of American politics.

The last of the three annual conventions, Spring State is the culmination of all the hard work students and chapters have put into JSA and their communities this year. At Spring State, Northern California JSA recognizes these efforts through the presentation of the Chapter and Statesperson of the Year awards as well as the election of next year’s Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and each Northern California region’s mayor, vice mayor, and senators. You will have the chance to hear from all the candidates, carefully consider their strengths and weaknesses, cast your vote for who you believe is the best candidate for each position, and leave knowing you had a say in who will lead the Northern California Junior State next year. Campaign season has already begun, so make sure to get involved!

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If you have any questions or encounter any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the Northern California Program Director Dan Hess at (650) 393-7644 or at dhess@jsa.org.

See you in April at Spring State!



2017 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING STATE INFORMATION

Location: Santa Clara Marriott
 2700 Mission College Blvd.
 Santa Clara, CA 95054
 (408) 988-1500

Check-In: Registration will be from 8:30am – 10:00am on Saturday, April 22, 2017.
 - Room keys will be available around 5:00-5:30p in the afternoon.
 - Storage for luggage will be provided.

Check-Out: The convention will end at approximately 3:30pm on Sunday, April 23, 2017.
 - You must be out of your room by 9:00am. Storage for luggage will be provided.

Student Rates:

Registration Deadline	Early March 19 th	Regular April 7 th	Late April 14 th
Students	\$155.00	\$200.00	\$215.00
Extra Night (Friday)	\$65.00		

- **Chapter Presidents:** Every student attending must be a dues-paid member of JSA. \$5.00 membership dues will be added to your chapter’s Spring State invoice for all non-members.
- We are happy to organize accommodations for any students or Teacher/Advisors needing special arrangements due to a physical disability or handicap. Please contact the Northern California Program Director before the regular registration deadline to make these accommodations.

Teacher Rates:

Shared Double Room: Free
 Private Room: \$120.00 per room, per night

- **Teacher/Advisors:** JSA will provide free accommodations for Teacher/Advisors willing to share a room (two Teachers/Advisors of the same gender housed in a room with two double beds). Although not guaranteed, we will also try to arrange early check-ins and late check-outs.

Every school MUST bring at least one (1) Teacher/Advisor for every fifteen (15) students.
 (i.e. One teacher/advisor for 1-15 students; two for 16-30 students, three for 31-45 students, etc.)

- **Chapter Presidents:** Your school district may require a higher ratio of teachers to students or teachers of both genders. Please check with your administration and comply with these policies.

Cost Covers: One night's lodging at the hotel, two days of meeting rooms at the hotel, two full days of JSA activities and programs, all educational materials, and the Saturday evening activities.

Refunds: Because JSA must make guarantees to the hotel far in advance of the convention, **JSA cannot remove a student from your registration or process any refunds after April 7, 2017.** If a student drops after the regular registration deadline, the chapter is responsible for the that cost. Students should try to find another student from the school to go in their place and reimburse them the cost. Each replacement student MUST submit a permission form.

- **Chapter Presidents and Teacher/Advisors:** Please notify the Northern California Program Director as soon as possible if you switch delegates.

Meals: Meals are not included, so be prepared to purchase your own meals during the convention.

Scholarships: The Northern California Junior State is pleased to offer scholarships to help students in need attend our overnight conventions. Students who would like to apply for a Spring State scholarship, please go to <https://jsa.wufoo.com/forms/norcal-spring-state-scholarship-application/> and fill out the scholarship application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning **February 20th**. Applicants and their Teacher/Advisors will be notified within a week of the scholarship awarded.

Transit: **No student may travel to the convention in a student-driven car.** Student drivers will be reported to their schools and parents and sent home immediately. Chapters are encouraged to form carpools with parents and/or Teacher/Advisors. Bus and car parking is available at the hotel.

- **Chapter Presidents and Teacher/Advisors:** If your chapter is taking a bus to the convention, bus driver rooms are \$120 per driver, per night.

Conduct: Rules of conduct and dress code for the convention are listed on the **Student Participation and Parental Permission Form**. Both students and parents or guardians must read these and sign the Student Permission and Registration Form acknowledging they agree to abide by these policies. **Please ONLY use the permission forms found in this registration packet.** The Junior State staff or your Teacher/Advisor(s) may announce additional rules. *JSA reserves the right to send home, without refund, any individual student, or even an entire chapter, for violating these rules.*

- **Chapter Presidents and Teacher/Advisors:** Please review these forms with your chapter and receive either verbal or written guarantees all members will honor them. Please contact the Northern California Program Director to receive examples of written declarations you can use.

Debates: Students can sign up to debate or moderate at jsa.org/debate. If you want to debate or moderate at Spring State, you will need your own account in the online debate system, as this is a separate database than the MyJSA Portal. Debater/Moderator selections will be made and notifications sent out in advance of the convention. More information about debates is included later in this registration packet.

Questions: Please do not hesitate to call or email the Northern California Program Director Dan Hess at (650) 393-7644 or at dhess@jsa.org if you have questions.

Register online at www.jsa.org/MyJSA



THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Northern California JSA is very fortunate to have a scholarship fund that helps students and families in need afford the cost of our overnight conventions and helps new chapters get started. Since its inception in 2013, the [Northern California Scholarship Fund](#) has helped hundreds of students in need experience a Northern California JSA convention who would otherwise have been unable to attend because of economic constraints.

Unfortunately, the funds we have are limited, and frequently, even with the help we can offer, many NorCal students still can't afford to attend conventions and we have little left over to help build new chapters. Not only does this deny many students the chance to discuss important issues facing our country and world with their peers, it also denies the students who can attend the opportunity to hear those valuable perspectives.

Would you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the [Northern California Scholarship Fund](#) to help Northern California students and families in need attend conventions and also help build JSA chapters at new schools?

Northern California JSA receives hundreds of convention scholarship applications each year, and the reasons why students need help vary and are often extraordinarily heartbreaking. This is but one example:

"I was recently placed into foster care due to domestic issues with my biological parents. I am in my *** year of high-school and trying my best to achieve my full academic potential. I basically have nothing in my possession except a few articles of clothing. I really need this scholarship and I would be really grateful if it was granted to me."

The Northern California Scholarship Fund is frequently the only way we can help students in need attend our conventions. We want every student, no matter the economic realities they face, to have the chance to voice their opinions and participate in our democracy. In the words of one JSAer, "JSA has taught me to be a good citizen, strong public speaker and a true friend. Without the support of this program and the people in it, I would not be the person I am today."

Anything you can contribute to the [Northern California Scholarship Fund](#) to help the students, families, and chapters who need that help most will go a long way:

- **\$25** pays for a start-up kit and all materials a new chapter needs to get off the ground
- **\$50** can reduce a student's Spring State convention cost by ~25-35%
- **\$100** will provide a full scholarship for a student in need who attends a Title I school
- **\$250** can cover over 75% of the cost for two students in need to attend Spring State
- **\$500** can send five students trying to start a JSA chapter to Spring State
- **\$1,000** can start a new JSA chapter

You can donate to the Northern California Scholarship Fund either by sending a check made out to JSA along with your Spring State payment (noting the check is for the Northern California Scholarship Fund) or by donating online at jsa.org/NorCal. 100% of your donation will go to help NorCal JSA students in need.

If you send in a check to JSA along with your student's Spring State payment, please note your donation on the Student Permission and Registration Form. Receipts will be sent upon receiving the chapter's Spring State payment.

Thank you for your time, and for your generosity. The entire Northern California JSA community, especially the Northern California students and chapters in need, greatly appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Kiran Prasad
NorCal Governor

Elizabeth McDonough
NorCal LTG

Erin Spillane
NorCal Speaker

Dan Hess
NorCal Program Director



STUDENT PERMISSION AND REGISTRATION FORM

**Northern California Spring State
Santa Clara Marriott
April 22-23, 2016**

Students: Please give this Student Permission and Registration Form to your JSA Teacher/Advisor once you and your parent/guardian have signed.

Teacher/Advisors: Please send all forms to the JSA office or to dhess@jsa.org by **Friday, April 7th**.

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____

High School: _____ Grad Year: _____ Female [] Male []

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

(This is the only JSA form that needs to be signed by students and parents and collected. The policies in the following pages are for reference.)

My child and I have read over the JSA Convention Rules, Code of Ethics, and Dress Code. We agree to abide by said policies and allow our daughter/son to attend the 2017 Northern California Spring State convention to be held at the Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, CA on April 22-23, 2016.

I agree to pay \$_____ to _____ for my daughter/son to attend the 2017 Northern California Spring State convention.

Please accept my additional tax-deductible donation of \$_____ to go to the [Northern California Scholarship Fund](#) to help a Northern California student or JSA chapter in need. (Please make checks out to JSA, noting it is for the Northern California Scholarship Fund. JSA will send a donation receipt upon receiving the chapter's Spring State payment.) You can also donate to our scholarship fund online at jsa.org/NorCal.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____



STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Parents: Please read this information carefully and review it with your daughter or son before signing.

The Junior State of America takes great pride in our students showing leadership, statesmanship, and leading by example. However, these ideals go beyond the debates, thought talks, and other activities that take place during our events. Students participating in JSA events are expected to speak, act, behave, and dress like the leaders they strive to be.

By signing below, **you agree to pick up or arrange transportation for your daughter or son at your own expense if they violate a rule.** Since JSA must pay and make guarantees far in advance, by signing below, **you also agree to ensure payment to JSA for all registration costs if your daughter or son cancels after the JSA registration deadline.** If your daughter or son can no longer attend, try to find a replacement and have that student reimburse the cost. If you have any questions, please call the JSA office at (800) 334-5353.

Student: by signing below, you agree to be bound by the:

JSA CONVENTION RULES

1. **All rules for school field trips prevail. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.** JSA has a "no tolerance" policy. All students found in a room with alcohol and/or illegal drugs will be sent home immediately. The use of tobacco products is prohibited.
2. Teacher/Advisor(s) and The Junior State of America must approve the attendance of each student and reserves the right to deny any student the privilege of attending the event.
3. **At no time during the weekend convention are students of different sexes allowed in each other's rooms.** In other words, no young men in young women's rooms and no young women in young men's rooms. Violations of this rule will likely result in dismissal of both students and a report made to their school(s).
4. **Students are required to abstain from any activity of a sexual nature.** In accordance with our role as mandatory reporters, JSA Staff and/or Teacher/Advisors will contact local law enforcement for a violation of this nature, if required.
5. **Students may not leave the hotel without the express permission of their Teachers/Advisor(s) and must meet with their Teachers/Advisor(s) at designated times, including all mandatory chapter caucuses.** Delegates must keep their Teacher/Advisor(s) informed of their activities and location throughout the convention. **Under no circumstances may students leave the hotel after 9:00 p.m.** At the end of the convention, students may not leave without the permission of their Teacher/Advisor(s).
6. At curfew, the Teacher/Advisor(s) will check that all students in their chapter are in their assigned rooms. Students must remain quietly in their own rooms after curfew. **Room service and pizza deliveries are not permitted after curfew.** Curfew lasts until 6:00 a.m.
7. All students assigned to a room are responsible for the condition of their room at check out and for all charges made to the room. Room service, in-room movies, outside phone calls, and other items may not be charged to a student's room and must be paid for at the front desk before the convention ends. JSA Staff will notify Teacher/Advisors of charges. Students must have all belongings out of their rooms by 9:00 a.m. Sunday.
8. Students **must** attend all convention activities, **dress appropriately and professionally** as defined by the JSA Dress Code, and wear their official name tag visibly above the waist at all times. No student may go onto guest floors or attend nighttime activities without their name tag. If a student loses their name tag, they must go to the JSA registration table with a photo ID to obtain a replacement.
9. Students must always conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior. Students must be considerate of, and respect the rights of, other students, staff, Teachers/Advisors, and hotel guests and use appropriate and respectful language at all times. Hazing or any action that creates physical discomfort or intends to embarrass or harass another student will not be tolerated. Music must be played through headphones. Students may not open, throw anything out of, or shout out of windows. Students must stay off roofs and all other restricted areas. Students must follow all public laws. Reasonable and due care shall be exercised by all students to ensure safety and good order as well as preserve the good reputation of their high school and the Junior State of America.
10. **Use of electronic devices during keynote speeches and inside debate rooms, unless the user is a main speaker, is prohibited except in emergencies.**
11. No student may drive a car to the convention or ride in a student-driven car during the convention.
12. **Unregistered students may not attend any convention activities.** If any unregistered students from a school arrive at the hotel during the convention, the entire chapter may be sent home.
13. Students may not associate with any visitor who is not an official guest of the Junior State program unless the student has received prior express permission from their Teacher/Advisor(s), parent(s), and Junior State Staff.
14. The Junior State/The Junior Statesmen Foundation are not responsible for items stored in a luggage storage area. JSA/JSF is not responsible for valuable items brought by students to the event.
15. **Students who cancel after the JSA registration deadline or are sent home for rule violations will not receive a refund.**
16. Students and their parents agree that The Junior State may use any photographs taken during the convention for promotional purposes.
17. For the safety of the students, JSA Staff reserve the right to enter and search any room should we suspect a student is in danger, in possession of drugs or alcohol, or is in violation of the rules.

Rule violations will result in expulsion from the convention, notification of parents and school, and other appropriate measures.

JSA CODE OF ETHICS

Students participating in Junior State of America events must:

1. Take pride in the organization, activities, leadership training exercises, and other educational and civic opportunities provided to them.
2. Respect the opinions of other students.
3. Conduct themselves in the manner of a **Statesperson at all times (See Rule #9)**, treating other students with respect and actively engaging them in educated and principled discussions of government affairs and policies.

JSA DRESS CODE

All students and Teacher/Advisors participating in JSA overnight conventions must abide by the JSA dress code and dress modestly and professionally. Students found in violation of the dress code, as determined by a JSA Staff member, will be asked to change into more appropriate clothing. Multiple violations may result in termination of attendance privileges.

The following are a series of guidelines that will be enforced during "business hours" in JSA (i.e. from Opening Session to key distribution on Saturday, and morning until Closing Session on Sunday). There may be additional times that students will be asked to remain in this attire. **While the dress code will be relaxed during evening hours, JSA Staff and Teacher/Advisors 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 jacket.
- Dresses or skirts reaching two inches above the knee.
- Dress pants or dress capris.
- Flats, three inch (or less) heels, dress slip-ons.
- Nylons, tights, or other solid colored hosiery.

What will cause you to be asked to change?

- Inappropriately short dresses or skirts.
- Jeans
- Revealing, strapless, spaghetti strap, or backless tops.
- T-Shirts, buttons, or jewelry with offensive and/or inappropriate messages.
- Tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, or winter boots.
- 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.
- Blazer, suit jacket, or sweater over dress shirt and tie.
- Dress pants, dress chinos, or khakis.
- Dark tennis shoes
- Dress shoes. Loafers are acceptable.

What will cause you to be asked to change?

- Jeans, corduroys, or cargo pants.
- Polo shirts, rugby shirts, or other collared shirts.
- Athletic sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, Birkenstocks, or work boots.
- Hooded sweatshirts in lieu of a sweater.
- Pants worn without sufficient support, such as a belt or suspenders causing waist bands to fall past the waist.

Teacher/Advisors:

Teacher/Advisors, student leaders, and JSA Staff all set examples for students. JSA asks Teacher/Advisors to please follow the dress guidelines below:

- Please dress professionally during business hours
- Jeans/corduroys are acceptable with a button-down shirt, sweater, or nice top
- Exercise clothes should not be worn unless immediately going to/from the gym.



SAMPLE SPRING STATE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Saturday, April 22nd

Registration: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Opening Session, State Nominations, & Keynote Speaker: 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Block I: 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

- Teacher/Advisor Meeting
- Beginner Debate Workshop
- Moderating Workshop
- Resolved, that America employ a policy of imperialism.
- Resolved, that Donald Trump is making America great again.

Lunch: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Block I: 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

- Resolved, that the Federal Government establish a national \$15 minimum wage.
- Resolved, that feminism is no longer necessary.
- Resolved, that capitalism is no longer in the best interests of the American people.
- Thought Talk: Is marriage necessary to achieve the American Dream?

Block II: 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

- Assembly Meeting
- Resolved, that charter schools raise the quality of education in America.
- Novice Debate: Resolved, that physician-assisted suicide be legalized nationwide.
- Thought Talk: What should the government do to bridge the black-white education gap?

Regional Candidate Forum: 2:45 – 3:45 PM

Block III: 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

- Teacher/Advisor Reception
- Resolved, that all schools be required to provide gender neutral bathrooms.
- Resolved, that the death penalty is an appropriate response to premeditated murder.
- Thought Talk: Is isolationism a pragmatic solution to the economic situation?

Block IV: 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

- Resolved, that the American Dream is no longer attainable.
- Resolved, that Congress adopts a policy of amnesty for all illegal immigrants.
- Thought Talk: Does China pose an imminent threat to the United States?

State Candidate Forum: 5:15 – 6:15 PM

Key Distribution: 6:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Chapter/Regional Caucus: 8:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Regional Elections: 8:15 PM – 9:30 PM

Nighttime Activities: 9:30 PM – 12:00 AM

- Dance
- Karaoke
- Impromptu Debates

Sunday, April 23rd

Breakfast & Checkout: 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Block V: 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

- Summer School Information Session
- Resolved, that standardized tests do not accurately measure student achievement.
- Resolved, that cable news is detrimental to the American people's perception of politics.
- Thought Talk: What characteristics make up an ideal politician?

Block VI: 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

- Resolved, that unions are necessary to protect workers.
- Resolved, that the United States create a publicly owned fiber optic network.
- Resolved, that lobbying is an obstruction to democracy.
- Thought Talk: How can the United States combat institutionalized racism?

Block VII: 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

- Resolved, that Supreme Court justices be subject to term limits.
- Resolved, that the United States pay reparations to descendants of slaves.
- Thought Talk: How should the United States pursue energy independence?

Lunch: 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Block VIII: 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

- Resolved, that the public school system gives equal opportunity to students of all backgrounds.
- Resolved, that America establish a "Fat Tax".
- Resolved, that the only thing that can stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.
- Thought Talk: What steps need to be taken to combat rape on college campuses?

State Elections: 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Closing Session: 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM



JSA SPRING STATE ACTIVITIES

Debates

Debates serve as the cornerstone of the Junior State by giving delegates a forum to express their views in an orderly fashion, while promoting a clash of ideas that leads to deeper understanding of controversial issues. Using parliamentary debate style, delegates develop political awareness, attitudes and public speaking skills through participation.

JSA debates center around “resolutions” that outline the issue being discussed. For example, “Resolved, Social Security should be privatized.” Debates begin with six-minute opening speeches by the main affirmative and negative speakers. These two debaters are selected prior to the convention; they research and prepare their arguments beforehand. A pre-selected student moderator guides the action following the opening speeches, where any student in the audience may volunteer for three minute subsequent speeches in support of either side.

Students vote for a “Best Speaker” at the end of each debate. The main focus of JSA debate is, however, on persuading the audience and imparting a greater understanding of the issues involved, rather than competition between speakers.

Thought Talks

Thought talks are student-led discussions on pressing issues or questions. These activities don’t have the formal structure of a debate and allow students to explore issues in-depth, in a less confrontational setting. A moderator guides the participants by posing questions and offering facts about the topic; however, students will have an open opportunity to express their thoughts and let their comments take the discussion in many different directions. No main speakers are chosen for Thought Talks, and no awards are given. This pressure-free atmosphere engages students very differently than debates and helps students gain confidence with their public speaking skills.

Keynote Speakers and Political Fairs

Distinguished politicians, statespersons, journalists, and public policy experts across the political spectrum are invited to address JSA conventions. Delegates gather for opening and closing sessions where these high profile speakers address the students and answer their questions. JSA members have met and posed questions to key personalities from across the entire political spectrum.

In addition, some conventions feature Political Fairs that enable students to meet representatives of lobbying and political groups and get to ask questions regarding their policies and views. In recent years, our Political Fairs have included groups like the National Rifle Association & Handgun Control Inc., NARAL Pro-Choice America & the National Right to Life Organization, the Republican, Democratic, Green, Libertarian and other political parties.

Social Activities

JSA conventions combine the intellectual stimulation of intense political dialogue with some activities in the evenings after dinner time that are just plain fun. Students get a chance to relax in less formal settings including dances, quiz bowl, impromptu debates, and relax with their friends at a JSA Lounge among others. JSA conventions let students meet others with similar interests and diverse talents which helps them build a life-long network of friends.

Other Activities

In addition to debates and thought talks, JSA conventions include a variety of other activities. Spring State conventions feature dramatic and exciting “political convention style” elections for Junior State offices. Mock trials allow delegates to explore our nation’s judicial system and examine how legal and constitutional controversies are resolved in the United States. Simulations of city council and school board meetings help students grapple with local governance issues. These and various other political seminars give students a wide-range of ways to get involved.



JSA DEBATES

Debate Procedure

1. Pro Opening Speech, *6 minutes*
2. Con Opening Speech, *6 minutes*
3. Subsequent Pro Speech, *3 minutes*
4. Subsequent Con Speech, *3 minutes*
5. (More Subsequent Pro and Con Cycles)
6. Move to Previous Question
7. Con Closing Speech, 3 minutes
8. Pro Closing Speech, 3 minutes
9. Vote on Resolution
10. Best Speaker Ballots

Debate Motions

Move to...

- Previous question
- Extend speaker's time
- Ask a two-part question
- Suspend the rules and have another pro/con speaker
- Caucus

Purpose

- Ends subsequent speech cycle and returns to main speakers for closing
- Allows the speaker to speak for 30 seconds or 1 minute longer
- Allows questioner to ask a speaker two questions in a row
- If nobody wants to speak subsequently for a certain side, you can skip and move to the other side. Try to avoid this though!
- This opens the debate to a thought talk

Debate Styles

- **Traditional "Resolved" Debate:** Follows the above procedure.
- **Novice Debate:** Same as traditional debates, but specialized for inexperienced members.
- **Thought Talk:** Moderated open discussion of the topic. Best speaker is also recorded here.
- **Speed Chess:** Allows for a more direct response and argument between speakers. The affirmative starts, and may use as much time as he wishes. When he is done, he hits the table with his gavel, and immediately his opponent's time starts. When the negative wants to hand it back over to the affirmative, he hits his own gavel onto the table. This continues until each speaker runs out of time. The closing speeches, however, are not in Speed Chess format.
- **Philosophy Debate:** This debate delves into moral, religious, and metaphysical aspect of a resolution. It follows the traditional debate procedure.
- **Society through the Eyes of:** This style of debate follows a traditional debate format, except the main speakers for both sides represent public figures.
- **Historical Crisis:** The same format as a normal resolution, except that both speakers represent a person in history who has a difficult choice to make. Brief crises may also erupt during the debate to keep speakers on their toes.
- **Cross Examination:** Allows for a more direct style of debate. The main speakers begin by each giving three minute speeches. Then the pro speakers cross examines the con for three minutes, followed by a three minute cross examination of the pro speaker by the con speaker. Closing speeches are three minute uninterrupted speeches.
- **Crisis Debate:** Put yourself into the shoes of a world leader. It's time for you to change the course of history by calling the shots. Speeches are given in the same format as a traditional debate, but instead of debating an issue, you debating a crucial decision that likely changed the course of history.
- **Policy Making:** The Pro-side is given leeway as to how they interpret the resolution, and develops a plan that fits into the resolution's framework. The Con side must dispute this specific plan. Pro subsequent speakers must support the plan proposed by the main pro speaker, but Con subsequent speakers may challenge the pro side in any way they see fit. Most similar to actual legislative action, you are given the opportunity to create a framework for actual legislative action.
- **Solution Central:** An event in which the main speakers represent opposing political party leaders (John Boehner and Nancy Pelosi for example) with firm positions about the issues facing America. The job of the audience is to develop a solution to the issue at hand. Using 3-minute speeches, moderated-caucuses, and un-moderated caucuses, the audience will develop a proposed solution to the topic. In order to pass, the proposal must be agreed upon by 51% of the audience and BOTH main speakers. This will no doubt be daunting task, but it will make the Junior State progressive in its approach toward compromise.
- **State Debate:** Follows the traditional JSA debate format and procedure in which there are two main speakers and sets of subsequent speakers. However, the resolutions in these debates are less focused on our nation as a whole or foreign policies. Instead, they focus on state-wide issues.
- **Inside the Situation Room:** Debates listed as "Inside the Situation Room" do not have any details provided beforehand on the agenda. Participants will instead be presented with a crisis scenario when they arrive in the room. They must then simulate the Situation Room, a high intensity environment where important decisions are made with far reaching and immediate consequences. Participants will either be provided with two radically different courses of action, and will proceed with a standard debate, or will be given an open ended crisis, where they must resolve a solution through a thought talk process.
- **Executive Decision:** The standard resolution format applies to the Executive Decision Debate. Instead of trying to sway the audience, however, the debaters attempt to persuade a "president" or "executive" through their argument. The audience functions as a public opinion poll, playing an advisory role in the executive's decision. At the end of the debate, the executive must make a decision, carefully weighing the merits of each side of the argument. The executive will then announce his or her decision and provide his or her rationale for that decision.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JSA 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring State 2017

Millennial Momentum: Turning the Tide of American Politics
Santa Clara Marriott

April 22-23, 2017



<u>Early Registration: Mar. 6 – Mar. 19</u>	<u>Regular Registration: Mar. 20 – Apr. 7</u>
Student: \$155	Student Package 1: \$200
Teacher Shared Room: Free	Teacher Shared Room: Free
Teacher Private Room: \$120	Teacher Private Room: \$120

JSA Summer Schools and Institutes

Summer 2017

Cabinet Confirmation

August/September 2017

Fall State 2017

Santa Clara Marriott

November 11-12, 2017

Winter State 2018

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

February 24-25, 2018

New Leaders Conference

March 2018

Spring State 2018

April 2018



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INFORMATION FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND TEACHER/ADVISORS

Approval: Check with your Principal, Vice-Principal, or Activities Director to find out what you need to do to receive school approval. Do this in advance to allow time for obtaining approval.

Questions: Please do not hesitate to call or email the Northern California Program Director Dan Hess at (650) 393-7644 or dhess@jsa.org if you have questions or run into any problems.

Delegation: When looking for students to join your delegation to Spring State, you should approach politically aware students. Students involved in JSA, Forensics, Model UN, student government, your school's newspaper, the speech and debate team, and honor society members might all have an interest in attending Spring State. History, government, and social studies teachers may even wish to send their entire class.

Chapters are expected to screen prospective delegates. You are responsible for the delegates you bring, so select them carefully. **Convention attendance is a privilege, not a right.** Teachers should only bring delegates who have a history of good conduct and who have demonstrated their serious interest by attending chapter meetings.

Delegates must attend all convention activities. Those not participating in scheduled convention activities will be sent home. We strongly recommend that each chapter have a pre-convention meeting with students and parents to go over convention rules, debates, and travel plans.

No student visitors are allowed in the hotel. Delegates who associate with non-registered students will be sent home. You have a responsibility to let other students at your school know that the convention is for registered students only, and the chapter will be in serious trouble if others drop by. If your chapter members associate with non-registered students, The Junior Statesmen Foundation reserves the right to send the entire chapter home. Nametags will be checked at the dance and at other activities.

Registration: You are responsible for organizing and submitting your chapter's registration in an efficient and timely fashion. Bringing a chapter to a JSA convention takes considerable preparation and often includes receiving school approval for the convention, arranging transportation, and gathering and submitting all the required registration materials before the registration deadline. It can take weeks to get everything organized and finalized, so start planning now!

Putting a JSA convention together is also a large and complex task that takes JSA months to coordinate – especially when it comes to reserving hotel space and rooms. Please register on time and in full. If your registration is not submitted before the April 7th deadline, JSA will likely have to house students based on available space, rather than by your requested rooming list. **No changes to your registration will be accepted after April 14th.** Contact the Northern California Program Director if you think you might be delayed in submitting your registration.

A few things to keep in mind while registering your chapter:

- Accuracy is important – the names registered are used to create official 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 are correct.
- All students and Teacher/Advisor(s) from your high school must register as one chapter.
- Four students of the same sex are housed in a room with two double beds. If a chapter has fewer than four students of one sex assigned to a room, students from another school may be added.
- Elected and appointed JSA student officers (approved by the Program Director) who have been invited one day early and stay in a room with other JSA student officers must get the approval of their Teacher/Advisor(s) to do so and should still be listed in their school's chapter.

Fundraising: JSA encourages every chapter to fundraise to lower convention prices for their members. Many chapters sponsor fundraisers like car washes, food sales, and garage or yard sales, while others write local businesses and service organizations. For more fundraising ideas, contact any elected official or student leader, the Northern California Program Director, or download the Fundraising Manual at www.jsa.org/downloads. The key to any successful fundraising campaign is starting early, so discuss fundraising plans right away!

JSA also provides an effective online fundraising application that allows chapters to raise money online as a team. Visit the "Chapters" section under "About JSA" and click on "Fundraising for Your Chapter" on the navigation bar on the right or visit <http://jsa.org/about/chapters/fundraising-for-your-chapter/>.

- Additionally, the Northern California Junior State is pleased to offer scholarships to help students attend conventions who might otherwise be unable to go. Please encourage any members of your chapter needing help to apply!

Scholarships: The Northern California Junior State is pleased to offer scholarships to help students in need attend our overnight conventions. Students who would like to apply for a Spring State scholarship, please go to <https://jsa.wufoo.com/forms/norcal-spring-state-scholarship-application/> and fill out the scholarship application. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning **February 20th**. Applicants and their Teacher/Advisors will be notified within a week of the scholarship awarded.

Register online at www.jsa.org/MyJSA

Early Registration Deadline: March 19th



CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Use this convention checklist to help plan and get your chapter to Spring State. Remember, many of these steps take time so start planning early!

1. Get School Approval

- Give a copy of the convention flyer to the Student Activities Director.
- Find out and follow the procedure for obtaining school approval for the trip.

2. Publicize

- Pass out flyers to interested students. Tell everyone to take the flyer home and show their parents.
- Distribute flyers to teachers who may know of other interested students.
- Post flyers around campus. Write the name and email of a person for interested students to contact.

3. Register and Pay

- Find out the procedure for obtaining a school check or purchase order for the entire chapter's registration cost. If the school cannot do this, a Teacher/Advisor or parent can write the check. If this occurs, tell chapter members to whom they should make their checks payable. JSA cannot accept individual checks from every student.
- Put the cost you are charging for Spring State on the **Student Permission and Registration Form** and pass out registration packets to all interested students. If they don't already, have them create MyJSA accounts.
- Set a deadline for returning registration checks and permission forms. This deadline should be at least ONE FULL WEEK before the March 19th or April 7th registration deadlines.
- Collect registration and permission forms. Make sure every student has gone over the permission forms with their parents and has returned their permission form signed.
- Collect checks, process them with the school, Teacher/Advisor, or parent, and obtain one inclusive check for all registration costs and membership dues (for students who have not already paid dues for the 2016-2017 school year).
- Register your chapter at MyJSA. (See next page.)
- Scan and send, or make copies and mail, the chapter registration form, payment, student permission forms and Teacher/Advisor Responsibility Form to the JSA office. Make a copy of each and keep one for the Chapter President and one for the Teacher/Advisor. Make sure registration materials are submitted by then registration deadline.

4. Arrange Transportation

- Determine how the chapter will travel to the hotel.
- If the chapter is large enough, arranging a bus through the school district or an outside bus company may be necessary. If doing this, **START EARLY**. The process could take a few weeks.
- If the chapter decides to carpool, make sure to find enough Teacher/Advisor or parent drivers to accommodate the entire chapter. **Remember: No students may drive cars to a JSA conventions.**
- Set a time and place for everyone to meet before the convention and the estimated time of arrival for drop off after the convention.

5. Have Pre-Convention Meetings

- Invite all students, their parents, and Teacher/Advisors to a pre-convention meeting (scheduled during the late afternoon or evening if possible). Go over transportation, what to bring, the format of the convention, and the convention rules.
- Discuss appropriate behavior and expectations during the convention.
- Have another meeting for the chapter to debate or discuss one or more of the debate topics for the convention.

6. What to Bring With You to the Convention

- A cell phone list of all students and a list of emergency telephone numbers for parents.
- All balances must be paid **before** the convention, but in the event the chapter has any outstanding convention charges, contact the Northern California Program Director Dan Hess at (650) 393-7644 and make arrangements to pay the outstanding balance.

Payment Options

- School Check:** ONE inclusive check payable to the Junior State of America from the school. If the school cannot process the check before the registration deadline, send a copy of the documentation showing you have arranged with the school to send the check, **plus** a school guarantee that payment will be received **before** the convention.
- Personal Check:** ONE inclusive check payable to the Junior State of America from a parent or Teacher/Advisor (students pay them).
- Purchase Order:** A school purchase order (must be payable within 30 days of the registration deadline).
- Credit Card:** JSA will accept credit card payments for registration by phone or online. If you would like to pay by credit card online, please contact Dan Hess, the Northern California Program Director.



ONLINE CHAPTER REGISTRATION GUIDE

The following step-by-step guide walks you through the online registration process. If you run into any problems, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Northern California Program Director Dan Hess by phone at (650) 393-7644 or by email at dhess@jsa.org.

- Step 1:** *Log into MyJSA. Go to the "My Events" tab, and under "Register for a New Event" select "Spring State" and then click "Start registration."* This will create a new event on the *My Events* page. Click on the link and select the student chapter leader and primary attending Teacher/Advisor. Please do this as soon as the chapter has permission to attend (even before knowing how many students will attend), as this helps JSA plan attendance.
- *Please note: If you have a "My Chapter" tab but you do not see a registration option under "My Events", contact the JSA office at (800) 317-9338 or email jsa@jsa.org and a staff member will add this option to your account.*
- Step 2:** *Update the chapter roster.* Make sure new and returning chapter members are listed under the chapter's membership roster in the JSA database. Ask all new and returning members to create or update their MyJSA account at jsa.org/MyJSA.
- *Suggestion: Bring a laptop to your chapter meeting and have members create or update their MyJSA accounts.*
- Step 3:** *Collect permission forms and payment.* During February and March, collect Spring State permission forms and payments from all members who will attend the convention.
- *Suggestion: Use a spreadsheet to keep track of who has paid and/or submitted the registration forms.*
- Step 4:** *Create a rooming list.* Once a list of members attending is finalized, create a rooming list putting all male students in one set of rooms and female students in another.
- *Please note: Please try to put three to four students in each room. If you have a room with fewer than four students, students from another school may be added if that space is needed. You would be notified in advance if there is a high probability of this happening to any of your chapter's rooms.*
- Step 5:** *Log in and complete your chapter registration.* The online registration form will ask for the information you have assembled, namely, the students and Teacher/Advisors for your group and your rooming list. Once all the information is entered correctly, click "Submit."
- *Please note: You select all students and Teacher/Advisors from the chapter roster, so please make sure the roster is complete and updated as described in Step 3.*
- Step 6:** *After submitting your chapter registration online, a preliminary invoice will be created showing the total amount due and a list of students and Teacher/Advisors attending.* Review the payment options and arrange to pay before the convention.
- *Dan Hess, the Northern California Program Director, will review and confirm your registration details and then send you a final invoice.*
- Step 7:** *Send in your chapter's convention payment (including membership dues if applicable), signed student permission forms, signed Teacher/Advisor Responsibility Form(s), and any donations to the Northern California Scholarship Fund to the JSA office in Burlingame.*
- *Please note: If paying for the convention by credit card, please contact the Northern California Program Director to ensure you've received the correct link to pay online or feel free to call the JSA office and supply the credit card information over the phone.*



CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

**Northern California Spring State
Santa Clara Marriott
April 22-23, 2017**

HIGH SCHOOL _____

STUDENT CHAPTER LEADER

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ GRAD YEAR _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TEACHER/ADVISOR

NAME _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

FAX NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Our chapter at Spring State will consist of _____ people (_____ students + _____ Teacher/Advisors)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ Student(s) – Membership Dues	\$5.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – EARLY Registration	\$155.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – STANDARD Registration	\$200.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – LATE Registration	\$215.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – Friday Night	\$65.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) – Shared Room	\$0.00	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) – Private Room (per night)	\$120.00 per T/A	\$ _____
_____ Donations to the Northern California Scholarship Fund		\$ _____
Grand Total		\$ _____

Payment Method (Please mark one)

- _____ Credit Card
- _____ School Check
- _____ Personal Check
- _____ Purchase Order

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to:

**The Junior State of America
111 Anza Blvd., Suite 109
Burlingame, CA 94010**



THE ERNEST A. ROGERS 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 Chapter of the Year

1. An engraved plaque honoring the chapter.
2. A \$1,000 scholarship to a Junior Statesmen Summer School
3. A full scholarship to a Junior Statesmen Symposium for one (1) chapter member.
4. One free private room to the chapter's Teacher/Advisor to all conventions the following year.
5. Become eligible for the Junior State of America's National Civic Impact Award.

The National Civic Impact Award

The Junior State of America annually recognizes the chapter that has had the biggest impact on increasing the level of civic awareness and engagement at their school with the National Civic Impact Award. The award goes to one of the 10 chapters chosen as their state's Chapter of the Year. The winning chapter receives:

1. An engraved plaque honoring the chapter.
2. A \$500 stipend reward given to the chapter's Teacher/Advisor.
3. A \$2,000 grant to the chapter to continue their civic impact and engagement projects.

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

The Chapter of the Year is chosen at each state's Spring State Convention. Chapter Presidents and Teacher/Advisors submit an essay and make a 6-8 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 and essay written by the Chapter President and Teacher/Advisor describing ways in which the chapter has been extraordinary through their activities, events, and participation in the community to your state's Program Director at least one week prior to Spring State.
3. At Spring State, the Teacher/Advisor and the Chapter President or her/his designee will give a 6-8 minute presentation to a panel of Teacher/Advisors and Junior State staff who will decide which chapter will be the Chapter of the Year.
4. Presentation Requirements
 - a. Chapters should prepare and submit a PowerPoint slideshow or video and have it ready in CD, DVD, or USB memory device.
 - b. The presentation should describe your chapter's achievements and include photos, videos, press clippings, text, charts, and any other audio/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. Students should contact their state's program director to ensure that the equipment is compatible for your presentation.
 - d. Videos 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 such as: chapter conferences, 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 democratic process, and participation in programs sponsored by the Junior State of America and the Junior Statesmen Foundation.

Criteria for Judging the Most Outstanding Chapter

1. *Political Awareness*

- Chapter hosts events such as debates, thought-talks, guest speakers, simulations such as mock trials and mock elections, and mini-conventions that are politically relevant and raise the level of engagement of chapter members and school.

2. *Civic Engagement/Activism –*

- Participation in school governance, school board, and city council meetings.
- Conducts voter registration drives and letter writing campaigns to local, state, or federal representatives.
- Works with elected officials to raise awareness of student concerns and offer action plans, or policy recommendations.

3. *Leadership –*

- Chapter members exemplify leadership qualities in their school, community, and at JSA events through active participation as speakers/moderators in debates, and thought talks.

4. *Community Service –*

- Chapter contributes to the betterment of their city by participating and volunteering at charitable organizations such as food banks, care facilities, and community centers.

5. *JSA Participation –*

- Regularly attends JSA conventions, regional one-day conferences, and chapter conferences.



**THE ERNEST A. ROGERS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**

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)			

Northern California JSA Program Director Contact Information:

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 The Junior State of America
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 Burlingame, CA 94010
 (650) 393-7644
 dhess@jsa.org



JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP DUES

SCHOOL: _____ **DATE:** _____

Check below if you have completed the following steps to start a JSA chapter at your school:

- School approval
- Teacher/Advisor from your school
- Minimum of eight (8) student members verified as membership dues-paid in MyJSA (my.jsa.org)
- Chapter constitution (see example in "Starting a JSA Chapter")

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

TEACHER/ADVISOR

Name

Name

Email

Email

Home Address

School Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone Grad Year

School Phone

Cell Phone

Cell Phone

Membership Dues

- Each student must pay \$5.00 membership dues to become an active member in JSA.
- Each chapter must submit membership dues to the Junior State of America to participate in JSA events.

_____ (Number of Dues-Paid Members) x \$5.00/per member = \$_____ Total

Please include your membership dues in your Spring State payment
or mail a check and a **typed list of dues-paid members*** to:

ATTN: Dan Hess
Northern California Program Director
Junior State of America
111 Anza Blvd, Ste 109
Burlingame, CA 94010-1932

**Please include Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Grad Year, Email Address, and cell phone number for each student.*