



Junior State of America

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The Southern California Junior State of America
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Fall State 2017

Our Nation, Our Values

October 28-29, 2017
Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills, CA

Registration Packet

Early Registration Deadline: September 26, 2017

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On October 28-29, 2017, the Southern California Junior State of America will hold its annual Fall State Convention at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California. The Southern California student leaders hope you can join hundreds of other students and teachers from across Southern California for an exciting educational experience at this weekend-long examination of the values our country holds dear, and the limits we also place on them.

The first of our annual conventions, Fall State is the highlight of the fall semester. Through engaging in spirited debates, thought talks, simulations, and other activities, Fall State will give you the unique opportunity to think critically, express your own opinions, and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. You will also have the opportunity to meet students from other schools throughout Southern California through a variety of other events, including nighttime activities and a dance on Saturday night.

At a time when determining truth from fiction in politics is becoming more difficult, and party polarization continues to increase, the development of a new generation of active citizens who can debate, compromise, and think critically about controversial economic, social, domestic, and international policies that divide the American public, media, and elected representatives alike is more important than ever. We hope you leave Fall State 2017 with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of our nation’s values and how they continue to evolve and influence our national dialogue.

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If you have any questions or encounter any problems, please do not hesitate to call or email the Southern California Program Director Yvonne England at (949) 278-9373 or at yengland@jsa.org.

See you at Fall State!



MESSAGE FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Dear Teacher Advisors, Chapter Presidents, and Members of the Junior State of America:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year of the Southern California Junior State! We have an exciting year in store for SoCal JSA, filled with new opportunities for activism and engagement within the Junior State and in our communities as well. We look forward to getting all of our chapters involved as soon as possible, because it's never too early to get started!

In advance of Fall State, our state cabinet has been hard at work preparing to make this year one of overwhelming success—raising funds, planning conventions, designing debates, starting new chapters, and so much more! JSA prides itself on its student-run, student-led nature, and we seek to make those opportunities available to all. We encourage all chapters to send up to five chapter members to our Fall Leadership Conference, at Alliance Baxter High School on September 16th, where they will develop strategies for strengthening and leading their chapters throughout the year; we would also love to see your chapters at our Fall Regional One-Days, held in October, which give members a taste of the convention experience before Fall State itself. Attending events outside of conventions is unquestionably the best way to broaden your participation in JSA and strengthen friendships with other members. I hope to see as many of you as possible at those events!

With that in mind, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend our first overnight convention of the year, Fall State! Southern California is unique in that we hold two Fall State conventions—one in Los Angeles (October 28-29) and Fall State Orange County (November 18-19). But although there are two separate overnight conventions, Fall State itself is one unified experience. Both conventions will be filled to the brim with exciting speakers, thought-provoking debates, and groundbreaking opportunities for engagement. Students hoping to further their JSA experience can explore cabinet or Summer School, while those seeking to make positive change in their communities will have access to workshops and programs to help them develop their own activism projects. Regardless of what brings you to JSA, though, our overnight conventions, with high quality debates, engaging workshops, and opportunities for leadership at every turn, represent the best our state has to offer.

In a polarizing political climate, with divisive rhetoric and inflammatory statements dominating the airwaves, the Junior State of America provides a welcome respite from the current state of political discourse. In JSA, delegates respect the opinions of other members, even those with whom they may disagree, because we share a set of values that make up the foundation on which democracy is built. The theme for Fall State this year is "Our Nation, Our Values." It will provide an opportunity for our state to consider the values that we share alongside the opinions we may not, and discuss the principles we wish to fortify in our civic life. I look forward to seeing you at Fall State, where we will engage in discussion, build leadership, and embody our values. Because that is what it truly means to *be* the people.

Sincerely,

Patrick Aimone
Southern California Governor
Junior State of America



2017 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FALL STATE INFORMATION

Location: Warner Center Marriott
 21850 Oxnard St.
 Woodland Hills, CA 91367
 (818) 887-4800

Check-In: Registration will be from 8:00am – 9:30am on Saturday, October 28, 2017.
 - Room keys will be available around 5:30pm in the afternoon.
 - Storage for luggage will be provided.

Check-Out: The convention will end at approximately 3:00pm on Sunday, October 29, 2017.
 - You must be out of your room by 9:00am. Storage for luggage will be provided.

Student Rates:

Registration Deadline	Early <u>September 26</u>	Standard <u>October 10</u>	After <u>October 10</u>
JSA Members	\$150.00	\$185.00	\$195.00
Outreach Rate	\$100.00		\$110.00

- **Chapter Presidents:** Every student attending must be a dues-paid member of JSA. \$5.00 membership dues will be added to your chapter’s Fall State invoice for all non-members.

Teacher Rates: Shared Double Room: Free
 Private Room: \$125.00 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.
- 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 Southern California Program Director before the registration deadline to make these accommodations.

Cost Covers: Your registration covers meeting space, one night's lodging at the hotel, all educational materials, two days of exciting educational programs, and the Saturday evening activities.

Refunds: Because JSA must make guarantees to the hotel far in advance of the convention **we are unable to give refunds after your chapter finalizes the registration.** If you find yourself unable to attend after the chapter finalizes their registration, try to find another student of the same gender from your school to go in your place and have them reimburse you the cost. Each replacement student MUST submit a permission form.

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

Meals: Meals are not included in your registration fees. Students should be prepared to purchase your own meals during the convention. There are low cost options in and around the hotel venue.

Scholarships: The Southern California Junior State is pleased to offer scholarships to help students in need attend our overnight conventions. Students that would like to apply for a Fall State scholarship, please go to <https://jsa.wufoo.com/forms/so-cal-fall-state-scholarship-app/> to fill out the scholarship application. Application deadline for Fall State LA is Saturday, September 16 at midnight. Application deadline for Fall State OC is October 7 at midnight.

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 \$125 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 Southern 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 Fall 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 Southern California Program Director Yvonne England at (949) 278-9373 or at yengland@jsa.org if you have questions.

Register online at www.jsa.org/MyJSA

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THE Southern CALIFORNIA JSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Southern 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 Southern California Scholarship Fund has helped hundreds of students in need experience a Southern 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 SoCal 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 critical 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 Southern California Scholarship Fund to help Southern California students and families in need attend conventions and also help build JSA chapters at new schools?

Southern 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 Southern 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 Southern 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 Fall State convention cost by 33%
- **\$100** will provide a full scholarship for a student in need who attends a Title I school
- **\$250** can cover over 80% of the cost for two students in need to attend Fall State
- **\$500** can send five students trying to start a JSA chapter to Fall State
- **\$1,000** can start a new JSA chapter

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Yvonne England
Southern California Program Director



STUDENT PERMISSION AND REGISTRATION FORM

**Southern California Fall State
Warner Center Marriott
October 28-29, 2017**

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 yengland@jsa.org by **Friday, October 20th**.
Please bring additional copies to the convention for your records.

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____
High School: _____ Grad Year: _____ Gender: _____
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 guidelines in the following pages are for reference.)

- My child and I have read over the JSA Convention Rules, JSA Values, and Dress Code. We agree to abide by said policies and allow our child to attend the 2017 Southern California JSA Fall State convention to be held at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, CA on October 28-29, 2017.
- I agree to pay \$_____ (minus any applicable scholarship award) to _____ for my child to attend the 2017 Southern California JSA Fall State convention.
- Please accept my additional tax-deductible donation of \$_____ to go to the Southern California JSA Scholarship Fund to help a Southern California student or JSA chapter in need. Please make checks out to the Junior State of America noting it is for the Southern California JSA Scholarship Fund. JSA will send a donation receipt upon receiving the chapter's Fall State payment.) You can also donate to our scholarship fund online at www.jsa.org/socal.

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 child 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 the Student Registration and Permission Form above, **you agree to pick up or arrange transportation for your child 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 child cancels after the JSA registration deadline.** If your child 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.

Students and Parents/Guardians: By signing the Student Registration and Permission Form above, 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 time of purchase. JSA will notify Teacher/Advisors of any charges. Students must have all belongings out of their rooms by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.
8. Students **must** attend all convention activities, **dress appropriately and professionally** as defined by the JSA Dress Code, and wear their official nametag visibly above the waist at all times. No student may go onto guest floors or attend nighttime activities without their nametag. If a student loses their nametag, 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 State of America 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 VALUES

The Junior State of America is a civil, all-partisan, welcoming community of students, teachers, alumni, board, staff, and supporters. We respect and care for each other, recognizing that the values that unite us as members of the Junior State community are grounded in learning together how to live together in a democratic society.

Leadership

We believe in lifelong engagement with others to affect positive change. We practice learning by doing, using a student-run and student-led model wherever possible. We support creative problem-solving, communication, delegation, and diplomacy. We embrace challenge, failure, and reflection as opportunities for growth.

Empowerment

We believe everyone should have the skills, resources, and opportunities to make their voices heard and generate impact. We promote informed and constructive dialogue through dialogue, debate, collaboration, and public speaking. We encourage service with peers, communities, and government. We offer access to college-level curriculum that teaches critical thinking, research skills, and analyzing and evaluating information.

Accountability

We believe in being informed, improving ourselves, and playing active and positive roles in community and country. We take ownership of our words, decisions, and their consequences. We live up to our commitments.

Diversity & Inclusion

We believe in active, equitable participation. We support opportunities for all. We negotiate and create a constructive environment for open-minded engagement and growth. Through respectful dialogue, sharing perspectives, and challenging ourselves and each other, we explore differences, foster understanding, and learn collaboratively.

Together, we are the Junior State of America!

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.**

What is appropriate?

- Dress shirt with a collar and tie, blouse, or sleeveless top with cap shoulders
- Shirt must be tucked in and worn with dress belt or suspenders
- Sweater, coat, blazer, or suit jacket
- Dress or skirt reaching two inches above the knee
- Dress pants, dress chinos, khakis, or dress capris
- Flats, three-inch (or less) heels, dress slip-ons
- Dress shoes. Loafers are acceptable
- Dark tennis shoes
- Nylons, tights, or other solid colored hosiery

What will cause you to be asked to change?

- Jeans, corduroys, or cargo pants
- Pants worn without sufficient support
- Inappropriately short dresses or skirts
- T-Shirts, Polo shirts, or rugby shirts
- Revealing, strapless, spaghetti strap, or backless tops
- Athletic sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, Birkenstocks, work boots, or winter boots
- Fishnet or patterned hosiery
- Hooded sweatshirts in lieu of a sweater
- Any clothing, buttons, or jewelry with inappropriate messages

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 FALL STATE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Saturday, October 28

Registration: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Opening Session & Keynote Speaker: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Mandatory Teacher Meeting: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Block I: 1:00 PM – 1:50 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 – 2:50 PM

- Council of Chapter Presidents 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?

Block III: 3:00 PM – 3:50 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: 4:00 PM – 4:50 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?

Key Distribution: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dinner: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Chapter Caucus: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Nighttime Activities: 8:30 PM – 11:45 PM

- Dance
- Karaoke

Sunday, October 29

Breakfast & Checkout: 7:45 AM – 9:30 AM

Block V: 9:30 AM – 10:20 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?

Activism Block: 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM

- Political Fair
- Junior State Salute
- Winter Congress Bill Writing Workshop

Lunch: 11:20 AM – 12:20 PM

Block VI: 12:20 PM – 1:10 PM

- 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: 1:20 PM – 2:10 PM

- 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?

Closing Session: 2:20 PM – 3:00 PM



JSA FALL 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 dinnertime 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 that help 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. 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

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

Debate Styles

- **Traditional "Resolved" Debate:** Follows the above procedure.
- **National Resolved Debate:** A traditional JSA debate, however, the topic is being used across the nation by all JSA states.
- **Thought Talk:** Moderated open discussion of the topic. Best speaker is also recorded here.
- **National Thought Talk:** A traditional thought talk, however it is a topic being used across the nation by all JSA states.
- **Novice Debate:** Same as traditional debates but specialized for inexperienced members.
- **Switch Debate:** At the moderator's discretion, the speakers must switch their stance on the debate and argue for the other side.
- **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.
- **Crisis Scenario:** 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 debate a crucial decision that likely changed the course of history.

Robert's Rules of Order

You Want To:	You Say:	Interrupt?	2 nd Needed?	Debate?	Amend?	Vote?
Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Take break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Caucus	I move to caucus for	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Bring business before assembly	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules which ...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Demand rising vote	I call for a division	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary law question	Point of parliamentary inquiry	Yes (if urgent)	No	No	No	None
Request information	Request for information	Yes (if urgent)	No	No	No	None
Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider the vote ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

Based on Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Location	Date & Time
Fall Leadership Conference	Alliance Baxter High School 461 W 9th St, San Pedro, CA 90731	September 16, 2017 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Angeles Region One Day	TBD	October 8, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Southern Empire Region One Day	Corona Del Mar High School 2101 Eastbluff Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660	October 14, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Channel Islands Region One Day	Carpinteria State Beach 5361 6th St, Carpinteria, CA 93013	October 15, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fall State Los Angeles	Warner Center Marriott 21850 Oxnard St, Woodland Hills, CA 91367	October 28 – 29, 2017 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fall State Orange County	Irvine Marriott 18000 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92612	November 18 – 19, 2017 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Winter Congress	Warner Center Marriott 21850 Oxnard St, Woodland Hills, CA 91367	February 24 – 25, 2018 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Spring State	Irvine Marriott 18000 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92612	April 21 – 22, 2018 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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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 Southern California Program Director Yvonne England at (949) 278-9373 or yengland@jsa.org if you have questions or run into any problems.

Delegation: When looking for students to join your delegation to Fall 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 Fall 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 State of America 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 October 10th 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 October 10.** Contact the Southern 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 Southern 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 Southern 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 Southern California Junior State is pleased to offer scholarships to help students in need attend our overnight conventions. Students that would like to apply for a Fall State scholarship, please go to <https://jsa.wufoo.com/forms/so-cal-fall-state-scholarship-app/> to fill out the scholarship application. Application deadline for Fall State LA is Saturday, September 16 at midnight. Application deadline for Fall State OC is October 7 at midnight.

Register online at www.jsa.org/MyJSA

Early Registration Deadline: September 26, 2017

Registration Deadline: October 10, 2017



TEACHER/ADVISOR CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITY FORM

The Junior State of America sincerely thank you for accompanying your chapter to the upcoming convention. We appreciate your dedication to furthering the goals of JSA and to increasing the political awareness of today's youth. Without your help, students would not be able to attend conventions like these and would miss an opportunity to debate and discuss controversial issues, learn more about the democratic process, and develop leadership skills.

Outlined below are mandatory responsibilities of Teacher/Advisors at a Junior State convention. Please review them and send in this form, signed, with your chapter's registration materials. Ultimately, you are responsible for the students in your chapter so please check with your administration regarding rules pertaining to school trips.

- BE PRESENT.** In compliance with school or school district rules, Teacher/Advisors must be present onsite and readily available throughout the entirety of the convention to accompany students and keep students on track and motivated. Please make sure to bring contact information for all students and establish a way students can get in touch during the convention by cell phone and/or at specified locations and times.
- CHECK-IN.** Teacher/Advisors must be present with the student chapter leader at registration to check in the chapter. Teacher/Advisors will receive their students' guest room keys for distribution in the afternoon.
- TEACHER/ADVISOR MEETING.** All adult chaperones MUST attend the mandatory Teacher/Advisor meeting with the Junior State staff to review convention logistics, convention and hotel rules, and receive important announcements for the weekend.
- CHAPTER CAUCUS.** After dinner, all students must check in with their Teacher/Advisor(s). Teacher/Advisors must take roll at the caucus and report any missing students to the Junior State staff. Teacher/Advisors should review the convention rules, curfew time, and morning checkout time with the students. All students must remain inside the hotel after the chapter caucus.
- NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES SUPERVISION.** Teacher/Advisors must sign up for shifts in the evening to monitor hotel hallways, common areas, or nighttime activities including chaperoning the dance. Teacher/Advisors will receive instructions for signing up to supervise these areas and activities at the mandatory Teacher/Advisor meeting.
 - JSA has adult supervisors on the floors in the evening to keep noise levels down and to discourage misconduct. Most Teacher/Advisors volunteer to patrol the floor that houses their own students. If witnessing students involved in any inappropriate conduct, do not hesitate to intervene. If uncomfortable dealing with students from other high schools, feel free to notify the Teacher/Advisor from that school or Junior State staff to take care of the situation. During the dance, Teacher/Advisors monitor the doors and check nametags to ensure ONLY JUNIOR STATE STUDENTS attend the dance.
- CURFEW -- ROOM CHECKS.** Teacher/Advisors must go to all of their students' rooms at curfew and check that all their students are present. Students missing curfew may be sent home. Please pass along any announcements for the next day at this time.
- CHECKOUT.** All students must check out of their rooms by 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Luggage storage has been arranged. Teacher/Advisors should meet their students in the morning at 9:00 a.m. to collect their room keys and make sure that all students have checked out of their rooms. Teacher/Advisors may turn keys in at the Junior State registration table.
- MEDICAL EMERGENCIES/DISCIPLINARY ISSUES.** The Junior State staff at the convention will contact Teacher/Advisors if a member of their chapter has a serious medical issue or violates major convention rules. Teacher/Advisors will coordinate with the Junior State staff to arrange medical attention for students, notify parents/guardians and school officials if necessary, and send students home for serious rules violations. PLEASE REVIEW ALL THE CONVENTION RULES IN THIS PACKET AND DISCUSS THEM WITH STUDENTS BEFORE THE CONVENTION.
- MORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT.** Teacher/Advisors can provide valuable moral support to students. If a student is a main participant of a debate, or is planning to make a subsequent speech, Teacher/Advisors can give them a boost just by attending their debate. Since many students use the time just prior to their debate to refine their argument, Teacher/Advisors can also provide educational assistance through providing advice or answering questions before a debate. Discussing a debate and their student's performance after it is over can also help students understand any points they missed or clarify any misinformation.

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

School

Print Name

Cell Phone

Email



CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Use this convention checklist to help plan and get your chapter to Fall 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 Fall 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 October 10th registration deadline.
- 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 2017-2018 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 Southern California Program Director Yvonne England at (949) 278-9373 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 Yvonne England, the Southern 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 your **Chapter Coordinator** or the Southern California Program Director Yvonne England by phone at (949) 278-9373 or at yengland@jsa.org.

- Step 1:** Log into MyJSA. Go to the "My Events" tab, and under "Register for a New Event" select "Fall 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 September and October, collect Fall 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 students of the same gender together.
- 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.
- Yvonne England, the Southern 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 Southern California Scholarship Fund to the JSA office in Burlingame.
- Please note: If paying for the convention by credit card, please contact the Southern 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

**Southern California Fall State
Warner Center Marriott
October 28-29, 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 Fall 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	\$150.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – REGULAR Registration	\$185.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) – LATE Registration	\$195.00 per student	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) – Shared Room	\$0.00	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) – Private Room (per night)	\$125.00 per T/A	\$ _____
_____ Donations to the Southern 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**



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 Fall State payment or mail a check and a **typed list of dues-paid members*** to:

ATTN: Yvonne England
Southern 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.