



STUDENT PERMISSION AND REGISTRATION FORM

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 directly to your state's Program Director.

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 _____ convention (please fill in name of convention) to be held at the _____ on _____ (please fill in name of hotel and date of convention).

I agree to pay \$_____ to _____ for my daughter/son to attend the _____ convention. (Please fill in location and date of convention).

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

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 GUIDELINES

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Use of electronic devices during keynote speeches and inside debate rooms, unless the user is a main speaker, is prohibited except in emergencies.**
- No student may drive a car to the convention or ride in a student-driven car during the convention.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Students who cancel after the JSA registration deadline or are sent home for rule violations will not receive a refund.**
- Students and their parents agree that The Junior State may use any photographs taken during the convention for promotional purposes.
- 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.