

The Junior State of America presents

Spring State 2008

Passing the Torch:
A NEW WORLD ORDER

Los Angeles Airport Marriott
April 11-13
Registration Deadline March 18, 2008



JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA

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REGISTRATION PACKET

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On April 11-13, 2008, the Southern California State of the Junior State of America will sponsor its annual Spring State Convention, **“Passing the Torch”** at the LAX Marriott in Los Angeles, CA. We hope that you will be able to join students and teachers from throughout Southern California for an exciting educational experience at this weekend-long examination of the challenges facing the world and our generation.

Spring State 2008 will give students the chance to discuss, debate and define the myths and realities that define our generation. Through active participation in debates, seminars, simulations, problem-solving forums, thought talks and other activities, delegates will be given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the status of American society, the world community, and the future direction of the country. The Spring State convention will also feature the elections of next year’s Southern California Junior State Officers. There will be a dance at the hotel on Friday and Saturday evenings, where delegates will have the opportunity to meet students from other schools from all over the Southern California. Needless to say, this convention will be an educational and social highlight of the year. The convention brochure contains additional information.

All student participants from your high school and their Teacher/Advisor(s) will register together as one delegation. Students from other schools may *not* attend the convention as part of your delegation, nor may outsiders visit members of any delegation during the convention. Chapter presidents and Teacher/Advisor(s) are responsible for organizing and submitting the registration packet for their delegations to the Junior State office in San Mateo, CA, in a well-organized and timely fashion. **NEATNESS IS IMPORTANT**—we’ll be using your documents to generate rooming lists and name-tags for your group. It’s a good idea to check with your Teacher/Advisor(s) to be sure they’re happy with the hotel arrangements you are making for them before you submit your registration packet to us.

JSA conventions are large and complex and take considerable advance planning, especially in reserving our space requirements with the hotel. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU GET YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN ON TIME. If your registration does not arrive before the deadline, we will house students based on a space available space, rather than according to your requested Rooming List.

***NEW* REGISTER ONLINE!**

Register Online by March 18th and your Teacher/Advisor will receive a FREE PRIVATE ROOM!

See page 3 for details!

Preparing Your Delegation for Spring State: Checklist

1. **Get School Approval.**

- Give a copy of the brochure to the school official in charge of student activities.
- Find out the procedure for obtaining school approval for the trip.
- Find out the procedure for obtaining a school check or purchase order.

2. **Publicize.**

- Pass out brochures to interested students. Tell them to take the brochure home and show their parents. More brochures are available from the Junior State Office, at 1-800-334-5353.
- Distribute brochures to teachers and club advisors who may know of interested students.
- Post brochures around your campus. Write your name and phone number on the brochure as a contact person for interested students.

3. **Registration.**

- Find out the procedure for obtaining a school check for your entire delegation's registration fees. If your school cannot do this for you, you may have to have a Teacher-Advisor or parent write the check. If this is the case, tell your chapter members to whom they should make their checks payable. **The Junior State cannot accept an individual check from each of your delegates.**
- Pass out Parent Permission Forms to all interested students.
- Set a deadline for returning registration checks and permission forms to you. This deadline should be at least ONE FULL WEEK before the JSA convention registration deadline.
- Collect checks and process them with your school in order to obtain one inclusive check for all registration fees. Remember, you need a separate check for your membership taxes.
- Collect permission slips. Make sure every delegate has gone over the permission slip with his/her parents and has returned the signed slip to you.

4. ***New* Online Registration**

- Go to <https://secure.jsa.org>
- You must have a valid email address and use Internet Explorer 6 or higher
- Go to JSA convention registration
- Use the online guide to help you register
- Once finished, you'll be able to print a receipt. Please mail your permission slips to the JSA office.
- Need Help? Contact securejsahelp@jsa.org OR 800-334-5353 ext. 228.
- Please Note: Once registration is entered online, only the JSA office can change it. Contact the convention registrar for any changes.

5. **Paper Registration**

- Fill out the Registration Form and Hotel Rooming List. Make sure these forms are legible and all the names are spelled correctly. Have your Teacher-Advisor sign the bottom of the Hotel Rooming List.
- Mail the Registration Form, Hotel Rooming List, registration check, and permission slips. Make two copies of each of the forms; keep one for yourself and give one to your Teacher-Advisor. Double check all registration materials for accuracy. Make sure your registration materials are **postmarked by the registration deadline to avoid incurring a late fee of \$10.00 per delegate.**

6. _____ **Arrange Transportation.**

Remember: NO STUDENT DRIVEN CARS ARE ALLOWED at Junior State conventions.

_____ Figure out how your delegation will arrive at the hotel. If you are attending a convention where JSA is offering transportation, make sure your registration materials indicate whether you are planning to take this option.

_____ If your delegation is large enough, you may want to arrange buses through your school district or an outside bus company. If you chose to do this, **START EARLY**. The process could take a few weeks.

_____ If you decide to car pool, make sure to find enough parent drivers to accommodate your entire delegation. Set a time and place for everyone to meet before the convention and the estimated time of arrival for drop off after the convention.

7. _____ **Have Pre-Convention Meetings.**

_____ Invite all delegates, their parents, and your Teacher-Advisor(s) to a pre-convention meeting (schedule it for the evening hours). Go over transportation, what to bring, the format of the convention, and, most importantly, **the convention rules**.

_____ Schedule one chapter meeting where you debate or discuss one or more of the debate topics from the convention.

_____ Make sure to select a chapter representative(s) for special events like State Assembly Meetings or simulation activities.

8. _____ **What to bring with you.**

_____ A phone list of all of your delegates.

_____ Copies of the Registration Receipt Letters sent to you by the Junior State Office.

_____ All fees must be paid **before** the convention. In the event your delegation has any outstanding convention fees, you must contact the Junior State Registrar to obtain approval to pay these outstanding fees at the convention. **Your delegation will not be registered with the hotel until all registration materials -- including fees and permission slips -- are received by the Convention Registrar.**

**If you are having trouble with your registration
or if you absolutely cannot send in your materials by the registration deadline,
CONTACT JAMES LEE OR MEGHAN STOLLE AT THE JUNIOR STATE OFFICE
BEFORE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**James Lee: 1-800-334-5353 ext. 229 jlee@jsa.org
Meghan Stolle: 1-800-334-5353 ext. 233 mstolle@jsa.org**

**The Southern California Junior State
Spring State 2008
April 11-13, 2008**

Registration Details and Procedures

Location: Los Angeles Airport Marriott
5855 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Phone: 310-641-5700
Fax: 310-337-5358

Check-in: Delegation registration will be from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008.

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

Check-out: The convention will end Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Delegates will be required to check out of their rooms by 9 a.m. on Sunday. Storage for luggage will be provided.

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

**Student
Registration:** \$ 135.00 Member Rate
\$ 138.00 Non-member Rate
\$ 10.00 Late registration fee per student

The member rate is for tax-paid Junior State Members. The Non-Member rate is for students who have not paid taxes. Please remember that chapters which have fewer than 8 tax-paid members will not be able to participate in the exciting elections for next year's leadership! If you would like to start a Junior State chapter in your school and become eligible for the lower member rate, call the Junior State Headquarters office and request a Junior State Handbook. It contains full instructions on getting started.

Housing: Students of the same sex are housed in a room with two beds--make sure your delegates are aware of this. In cases where a delegation has fewer than four students of one sex assigned to a room, delegates from another high school will be housed with your delegates in that room.

Elected and appointed JSA student officers (approved by the Program Director) who may be rooming with other officers MUST be included in your delegation's registration:

- List them separately on the Rooming List Form with a note about their arrangements to room with other officers.
- Include them in your payment of registration fees.
- Send their Permission Slips along with the others in your delegation.

Students who need special arrangements due to a physical disability or handicap must make those arrangements with The Junior State headquarters staff before the registration deadline. Failure to do so may mean that such arrangements may not be possible.

Teacher

Registration:

For every group of 1-19 students in your delegation, you **MUST** bring at least one teacher (1 teacher for 1-19 students; 2 for 20-38 students, 3 for 39-57 students, etc.).

Primary Teacher(one teacher per group of 1 - 19 students)

FREE registration for twin room accommodation (2 same sex teachers in a room with 2 beds)

OR

Registration fee of \$150 for a private room

Additional Teachers (More than one per group of 1-19 students):

Registration fee of \$150 for one additional twin room accommodation

OR

Registration fee of \$170 for a one additional private room

Teachers' rooms may not be available until after 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Deadline:

March 18, 2008

A \$10 per student late fee will be assessed on registration that arrives after the deadline.

What to Submit: (Make copies of these forms for your records before you mail them to us.)

___ Registration form. (**paper registration only**)

___ Hotel Rooming List form signed by your Teacher/Advisor. (**paper registration only**)

___ Permission Slip for each student signed by the student and a parent or guardian.
Make copies of the Permission Slip from this packet and give to delegates.

___ Payment in full (see Payment Options below) or evidence that you've made arrangements to have a check sent. Don't postpone sending in your materials if your school bookkeeper is unable to issue a check right away – it is helpful for us to know your school is coming as soon as possible.

___ A separate check for taxes, if applicable.

What Fee Covers:

1 night's lodging at the hotel, all educational materials, three days of exciting educational programs and the dances on Friday and Saturday evenings. The registration fee **DOES NOT INCLUDE MEALS**. Delegates should be prepared to purchase meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hotel will prepare special meal options for Junior State delegates.

Payment Options:

* ONE inclusive check payable to The Junior State from the school. If your school takes a long time to process check requests, send a copy of the documentation showing that you have arranged with the school to send the check, plus a guarantee from the school that payment will be received before the start of the convention.

OR

* ONE inclusive check payable to The Junior State from a parent or teacher (delegates should pay that individual)

OR

* A school purchase order (must be payable within 90 days).

Do not send individual personal checks from the delegates. Do not send cash.

Where to Send

Forms & Payment:

The Junior State
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300
San Mateo, CA 94402
(800) 334-5353

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

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

Transportation: Delegates may not travel to the convention in student-driven cars. Student drivers will be reported to their schools and their parents and sent home immediately. Delegations are encouraged to form carpools with parent and/or Teacher/Advisor drivers or to charter a school bus or van. Free parking is available at the hotel.

- Conduct:**
- * Rules of conduct for the convention are listed on the Parental Permission Slip that each delegate and his/her parent or guardian must read and sign as part of the registration process. Delegation leaders (e.g. chapter presidents) and teacher advisors should review the rules stated in the Permission Slips carefully and be confident that all members of their delegations can be counted upon to honor them.
 - * Additional rules may be announced by the Program Director or Teacher/Advisor at the convention.
 - * No visitors are allowed in the hotel. Delegates are not allowed to associate with any visitor who is not an official guest of the Junior Statesmen program.
 - * We reserve the right to send home, without refund, any individual delegate, or even an entire delegation, for violations of these rules.

Meals: The registration fee **DOES NOT INCLUDE MEALS**. Delegates should be prepared to purchase meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The hotel will prepare special meal options for Junior State delegates. Only Teacher/Advisors can attend the ***Governor's Awards Luncheon*** for free. Others may attend for a \$10 fee.

Governor's Awards Luncheon: This year, at lunch time on Saturday, we will have ***The Governor's Awards Luncheon!*** This will be a time for the Southern California Junior State to honor the student leaders who have given their best to this student-run organization. The cost will be \$10 for student delegates and FREE for Teacher/Advisors. **All students and Teacher/Advisors are invited to attend.** To attend the Awards Luncheon, delegates **must** submit their luncheon fee with the registration fees so we can give an accurate count to the hotel. **Tickets for the Governor's Awards Luncheon will NOT be sold during the convention.** Be sure to notify your delegation of this meal option.

Debating/Moderating: Your chapter is encouraged to research and discuss the Spring State topics before the convention. Everyone enjoys a Junior State convention more if they are familiar with the issues. All delegates should be encouraged to research the topic of their choice and volunteer to speak at the convention or to moderate a debate. **If anyone in your delegation is interested in being a main speaker e-mail Hossein Alidaee at halidaee@gmail. com. If anyone in your delegation is interested in moderating email Adam Quaal at desilu77@aol.com. If anyone in your delegation is interested in moderating a thought talk, contact the Thought Talk Director, Lizzy Cox at lizzy_cox@cox.net.**

A feature event of every Spring State Convention is the exciting elections of Junior State officers. Your chapter is encouraged to actively participate in the elections by working for a candidate for Governor, Lt. Governor, or Speaker, or by running your own candidate. In addition, there will be regional elections for Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Senator for the Angeles, Southern Empire, and Channel Islands Regions. Many campaigns have already started. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get involved and have a lot of fun. The election handbook, describing the election procedures, will be sent to all Chapter Presidents. Chapter Presidents will also be sent a packet of candidate campaign literature about 3 weeks before Spring State. Contact **Lt. Governor Matt Mulroy at mattmulroy19@yahoo.com** for more information.

Fund-raising: We hope every delegation is actively raising funds to lower convention prices for its members. For fund raising ideas, contact your Governor, Senator, or the Junior State Office.

Chapter of the Year: The E. A. Rogers Award for the Outstanding Chapter of the Year:

The E. A. Rogers Award is presented at each Spring State Convention in memory of the founder of the Junior Statesmen of America. The award is presented to the most outstanding chapter in each state of the Junior State.

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS?

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

James Lee, Southern California Program Director: 800-334-5353 ext. 229 or jlee@jsa.org

Meghan Stolle, Southern California Student Program Manager: 800-334-5353 ext. 233 or mstolle@jsa.org

You can also contact a student leader for more information:

Mohit Shewaramani, Southern California Governor: 949-235-3357 or mohit@jsa.org

Hossein Alidaee, Director of Debate: 949-732-8723 or halidaee@gmail.com

Adam Quaal, Director of Moderating: 951-963-5169 or desilu77@aol.com

Matt Mulroy, Lieutenant Governor: 805-403-8762 or mattmulroy19@yahoo.com

Caroline Gross, Director of Logistics: 310-498-2804 or carolineee144@aol.com

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE - March 18, 2008*****
SPRING STATE REGISTRATION FORM
LAX Marriott, Los Angeles, CA

HIGH SCHOOL _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

See Pages 5 and 6 of this Registration Packet for an Explanation of Rates.

STUDENT DELEGATION LEADER

TEACHER/ADVISOR

 NAME

Mr. Ms. Mrs.
 NAME

 HOME ADDRESS

 SCHOOL OR HOME ADDRESS

 CITY STATE ZIP CODE
 ()

 CITY STATE ZIP CODE
 ()

 HOME PHONE NUMBER GRAD YEAR
 ()

 HOME or SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER
 ()

 CELL PHONE NUMBER

 CELL PHONE NUMBER

 E-MAIL ADDRESS

 E-MAIL ADDRESS

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

_____ Student(s) -- Junior State Members	\$ 135.00	\$ _____
_____ Student(s) -- Non-member Students (for students that have not paid taxes)	\$ 138.00	\$ _____
_____ Late Fee (Per Student)	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
_____ Governor's Luncheon	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) Twin Room (1 per 19 students)	\$ 0.00	\$ _____
_____ Teacher-Advisor(s) Private Room (1 per 19 students)	\$ 150.00	\$ _____
_____ Additional Teacher(s) Twin Room (more than 1 per 19 students)	\$ 150.00	\$ _____
_____ Additional Teacher(s) Private Room (more than 1 per 19 students)	\$170.00	\$ _____

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

NO REFUNDS after Registration Deadline March 18, 2008 -- \$10.00 Late Registration Fee PER PERSON

Make Check Payable to and Mail to: THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300
San Mateo, CA 94402
QUESTIONS? 800-334-5353 TOLL FREE

HOTEL ROOMING LIST -- PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

HIGH SCHOOL _____ **CONVENTION** _____

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

ROOM # 1– Females

Grad.
Year

1			
2			
3			
4			

ROOM #1-Males

Grad. Year

1			
2			
3			
4			

ROOM #2 –Females

1			
2			
3			
4			

ROOM #2–Males

1			
2			
3			
4			

ROOM #3 –Females

1			
2			
3			
4			

ROOM#3–Males

1			
2			
3			
4			

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

Teacher Advisor Approval: I have reviewed the Registration Form and Hotel Rooming List, and I approve of the students attending.

 Print Name

(Signature)

TEACHER/ADVISOR CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Signature

Date

Print Name

School

Cell phone number for emergencies during the convention

The Junior State of America
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300
San Mateo, CA 94402
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Parents: Please read this information carefully and review it with your child before signing.

Your child should have a very exciting educational experience at the upcoming Junior State event. He or she will have an opportunity to debate current issues. We hope you have read the convention brochure, which lists the topics to be discussed. In advance of the event, your child should do some special reading to prepare for these debates and other educational activities.

Once the event registration fee has been paid, we are not able to make any refunds. This policy is necessary because we have to make payments and guarantees many weeks in advance of the event. We encourage paid delegates who find themselves unable to attend to find another student from their school to go in their place and have the new delegate reimburse them for the registration fee.

Please review the convention rules with your son or daughter. By sending your child to the convention, you agree to pick him or her up if these rules are violated. Rule violators are sent home and are reported to their school for appropriate disciplinary action. If you have any questions about the rules, travel arrangements, or the educational program, please call The Junior State office at 800/334-5353.

CONVENTION RULES

1. All rules for school field trips prevail. Use of illegal drugs or alcohol is not permitted. Students also will be punished if they are in a room where drugs or alcohol are present. The use of tobacco products is not allowed. To ensure these rules are obeyed, the Teacher-Advisor and The Junior Statesmen Foundation must approve the attendance of each delegate. We reserve the right to deny any student the privilege of attending the event.
2. At 8 p.m., students will meet with their Teacher-Advisor for roll call and may not leave the hotel thereafter. At curfew, Teacher-Advisors will check delegates at their rooms. Delegates must remain quietly in their own rooms after curfew. Pizza deliveries and room service deliveries are not permitted after curfew. Delegates also are required to meet with the Teacher-Advisor at other designated times.
3. Delegates must attend all conference activities.
4. At no time may young men and women be in each others' rooms.
5. Delegates may not leave the convention hotel without the permission of their Teacher-Advisor. During meal times, with their Teacher-Advisor's permission, delegates may leave the hotel to eat in designated areas. Under no circumstances are delegates to leave the hotel after 8:00 p.m.
6. Delegates must wear their name tags above the waist in a visible location at all times.
7. All students assigned to a room are responsible for any charges made to the room. All students assigned to a room are also responsible for the condition of the room. No outside phone calls can be made from student hotel rooms. Room service and other items may not be charged to a students room. No delegate may change rooms without the permission of The Junior Statesmen staff members at the event. The hotel staff will house four students in each room with two large double beds.
8. No student may drive a car to the convention or ride in a student driven car during the convention.
9. Visitors are not allowed in the convention hotel. Delegates are not allowed to associate with any visitor who is not an official guest of the Junior Statesmen program.
10. Students are expected to dress appropriately. Delegates should respect the rights of other hotel guests and not do anything to damage the reputation of the Junior Statesmen program. Students must not open or throw anything out of windows. Students must stay off balconies.
11. Students should not bring expensive items to the convention. Valuable items must be stored in the hotel safe or with the bellmen. The Junior State/The Junior Statesmen Foundation are not responsible for items stored in a luggage storage area. No large radios or portable stereos are allowed.
12. Delegates or delegations that are sent home for conduct problems will not receive a refund.
13. Delegates and their parents agree that The Junior State may use any photographs taken during the convention for promotional purposes.

I agree to abide by all of the Junior State convention rules under the terms described on this permission form. I understand that in the event of a serious violation of the rules, my parents and my school will be notified, and I may be sent home at my own expense without a refund.

X

Student Signature _____

I agree to the terms described on this permission slip and give my child permission to attend the upcoming Junior State convention under those terms. The Junior Statesmen Foundation has my permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child at my expense.

X

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Print Name _____

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STUDENT NAME _____ SEX: MALE FEMALE (check one)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION _____ HOME TELEPHONE (____) _____

Emergency Contact # for parents during the convention weekend _____

JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA TAX FORM

SCHOOL NAME: _____ DATE: _____

To start a JSA chapter at your school you will need the following:

- * a minimum of 8 tax-paid student members listed on this form
- * a Teacher/Advisor from your school
- * school approval
- * a chapter constitution (see example in handbook)

"Taxes" are the dues paid to join a chapter; \$3.00 per member, per year. After the initial eight students have joined, you may send in any number of additional members throughout the year, by mailing the taxes and completed tax form to:

For the West Coast
THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA
400 S. EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 300
SAN MATEO, CA 94402

For the East Coast, Texas and Midwest
THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA
1725 K St NW, Suite 1214
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

(Must pay taxes as a regular member)

NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

()

HOME PHONE NUMBER GRADUATION YEAR

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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CELL PHONE NUMBER

TEACHER/ADVISOR

NAME

SCHOOL ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

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SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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CELL PHONE NUMBER

TAX-PAID STUDENT MEMBERS (Chapter President's information goes first):

1. Name Address City State Zip
Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number
2. Name Address City State Zip
Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number
3. Name Address City State Zip
Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number
4. Name Address City State Zip
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Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number

TAX-PAID STUDENT MEMBERS FOR SCHOOL _____

6. _____
Name Address City State Zip

Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number

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Name Address City State Zip

Year of Graduation Email Address Phone Number

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.

Rewards for Winning the Chapter of the Year Award

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

The National Civic Impact Award

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

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

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

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

Chapter of the Year Application Process

1. Review the "Criteria for Judging the Most Outstanding Chapter" listed below;
2. Submit a complete Chapter of the Year application to the state's program director at least one week prior to convention;
3. At Spring State, submit an essay written by the Chapter President and Teacher/Advisor describing ways in which the chapter meets the judging criteria to your state's program director.
4. At Spring State, the Teacher/Advisor and the Chapter President or his/her designee, will give a 5-10 minutes presentation to a panel of Teacher Advisors and Junior State staff who will decide which chapter will win the Chapter of the Year.
5. **Presentation Requirements**
 - a. Chapters should prepare and submit a PowerPoint Slideshow or Video Documentary that is saved on a CD or DVD;
 - b. The presentation could include photos, video, music, recorded narration, text, charts, graphs, 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 for all CDs and DVDs. Students should contact their state's program director to ensure that the equipment is compatible for your presentation.
 - d. Video documentaries should not last more than five minutes so that there is time for questions and answers.

Description of the Ideal Junior State Chapter.

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

Criteria for Judging the Most Outstanding Chapter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. **Presentation Quality**

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

APPLICATION FORM

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

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

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