

CABINET APPLICATION

Mid-Atlantic State

New Jersey Region
South Atlantic Region

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THE MID-ATLANTIC STATE OF THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA

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Application Requirements and General Questions

The following components encompass a complete cabinet application:

1. A short essay describing your motivation to participate in JSA, your reasons for applying to cabinet, and your overall goals if you are selected to cabinet.
2. Concise, honest responses to the following questions:
 - a. What distinguishes you from your peers? Why are you qualified for the position(s) for which you are applying?
 - b. Describe prior experiences within the Junior State that will enhance the quality of your work in the upcoming year.
 - c. In what activities outside of JSA do you also engage? How do you prioritize your extra-curricular activities? How do these activities complement your ability to perform in JSA, and how will you make certain that JSA remains your top priority if you are selected?
 - d. What is your biggest strength as a person? Your biggest weakness?
3. The assignment specific to the position of your top choice. The assignment is found at the end of each position's description.

(NOTE: Only submit a special application for your top choice – ex: if you apply for both MAS Director of Logistics and NJR Director of Debate, and Director of Logistics is your top choice, you must only complete the MAS Director of Logistics' special application).
4. The general application on the next page. Full completion of this section is essential to the selection process.
5. The completed Mid-Atlantic State Questionnaire.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Cabinet members will be required to attend the Mid-Atlantic State Cabinet Retreat, to be held in late August.
- Cabinet applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the Northeast Institute on Leadership and National Security at Princeton University on August 10-13. There will be several key cabinet meetings at this event, and the participation of every student leader will be essential. Please, contact MAS Governor Brent Bovenzi at bbovenzi@jsa.org or call Elizabeth Ventura, MAS Program Director, at the Washington, D.C. office 1-800-317-9338 if you will not be able to attend.
- Prospective cabinet members should also consider attending one of the Junior Statesmen Summer School programs, held at a number of prestigious universities across the nation.

Please mail ALL parts of the application by JULY 15 to:

▶ Junior State of America
Attn: MAS Cabinet Application
1600 K St, NW
Suite 803
Washington, DC 20006
Fax: (202) 296-7839

OR

Please email ALL parts of the application by JULY 15 to:

▶ MidAtlanticCabinetApplication@gmail.com
In the subject line, please put the following:
[Last Name], [First Name], [Preferred Position] Cabinet Application
Ex: Bovenzi, Brent, MAS Director of Debate Cabinet Application

Mid-Atlantic State General Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Email Address*: _____

Instant Messenger Screen Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ School Name: _____

Cabinet(s) Applying For (Circle): MAS NJR SAR

Desired Cabinet Positions (in order of preference):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

* Cabinet Retreat details and other information will be sent to all cabinet members upon selection; thus, it is imperative that all applicants provide a frequently checked email address.

If you do not receive one of your top four choices, do you wish to be considered for (and consulted regarding) another cabinet position based on the officials' opinions as to where you would be best suited?

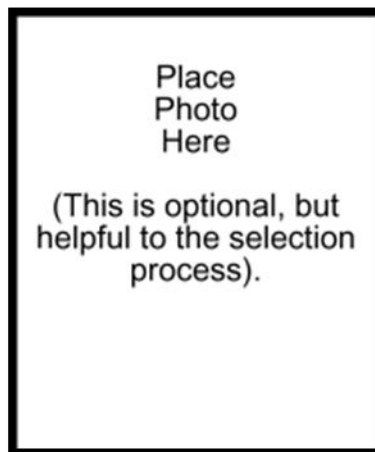
YES NO

Have you ever attended a Junior Statesmen Summer School or Symposium? Please, specify.

YES NO

Will you be attending the Northeast Institute on Leadership and National Security at Princeton University on August 10-13?

YES NO



A Letter of Welcome From Your Mid-Atlantic State Governor

Dear Junior Statesmen,

The Junior State of America is by far the greatest organization out there, in my opinion. Yes, there are Model UN, Mock Trial, and tons of other high school organizations, but JSA is different. It has this certain magic about it, and I can tell you from personal experience that the more you get involved in and give to JSA, the more you get back from JSA. What makes JSA so great is that it is student-run, a true democracy; it is the state and regional level cabinets that make everything possible and allow JSA to thrive.

The Mid-Atlantic State has a well-based reputation as having the strongest and most productive cabinet in the entire country. This reputation comes from the unique talents each cabinet member brings, coupled with the mutual desire to ever improve JSA that compels them to go above and beyond, not to accept mediocrity but rather to go the extra mile and to make a difference.

Providing exciting and captivating debates, creating an easy-to-read agenda, getting everybody to conventions, discussing news in JSA and in the world on the newspaper, and creating fun and exciting activities for conventions are some of the jobs the gubernatorial cabinet will tackle this upcoming year. In the other cabinets, there are even more opportunities and I am sure you will find a position to apply to that suits your interests and skills. Although everyone on cabinet will have different jobs to do, you will all be expected to work together and help each other out whenever needed.

In the past, everyone who applied to cabinet received a position, but the past couple of years we have changed this practice to maximize the efficiency of cabinet and to make sure everyone is doing his or her work. So unfortunately, not all applicants will be assigned a cabinet position for the 2010-2011 year, but there are a million and one ways to get involved in JSA and to play a part in improving the Mid-Atlantic State.

Being on cabinet is an amazing experience: you get to become close friends with other people just like you that care for JSA so much, and when your with the rest of cabinet, work doesn't feel like work anymore; it becomes fun and exciting. Cabinet does require a strong commitment to JSA, and the necessary commitment has grown as cabinet has shrunk, but what you take from cabinet is something that you can't get from anywhere else. At the end of the day, it will be your work that will make the debates so exhilarating, your work that got new kids to experience JSA for the first time ever, your work that will make the convention happen, and your work that will make a difference.

On a final note, all of you applying to cabinet are strongly encouraged to attend the Northeast Institute at Princeton University from August 10-13. If you are accepted to cabinet, you must attend the joint Mid Atlantic – Northeast Cabinet Retreat in late August.

Good night and good luck,

Brent Bovenzi
Mid-Atlantic State Governor

Applications for the Mid-Atlantic State Governor's Cabinet

CHIEF OF STAFF

An integral member of the Governor's cabinet, the Chief of Staff is in charge of loosely overseeing development in all areas of the state. This includes taking care of any administrative business the Governor requests and keeping in contact with all state cabinet members to ensure their responsibilities are being met. Because the position of Chief of Staff requires the fulfillment of a plethora of tasks, the Chief of Staff must be knowledgeable in many aspects of JSA and willing to serve in a variety of roles.

Special Application

- If a cabinet member was not doing his/her job properly, how would you motivate this individual to get back on track?
- What prior experiences, both in and out of JSA, will facilitate your relations with the other members of the cabinet?
- What measures will you take to promote greater interaction between the Mid-Atlantic State's two regions?
- It is a week before Spring State, and one of the directors of debate has yet to submit their debate blurbs. What is your plan of action to ensure that these blurbs are completed in time for the agenda to be printed?

CONVENTION COORDINATOR/ASSISTANT

The duty of the Convention Coordinator is to organize the execution of a successful convention. The coordinator develops the agendas, supervises activities at the conventions, and works closely with the Program Director, Governor, and Debate staff to ensure conventions run smoothly. Much of this work is done on short notice in the weeks prior to a state activity, and thus, this individual must be willing to make JSA the top priority when the time comes. In addition, this individual must have aesthetic sensibility and must be familiar with word processing and graphic layout.

Special Application

- Design a sample agenda (with ten resolutions and blurbs, and a cover) around the Fall State 2010 theme, "Energizing America: Capturing the Winds of Change".
- What special activities can we add to conventions to make them more enjoyable and educational?
- Snowpocalypse 2011 occurs on the weekend of Winter Congress. Many chapters are being forced to cancel or arrive late on Saturday, thus many bills cannot be debated according to schedule. How would you deal with the disrupted bill system and ensure that the convention goes smoothly?
- The day of Fall State, many people who are scheduled to debate cannot attend the convention or do not show up to their debates. How would you ensure that effective replacements are made for these open spots? How would you ensure that this does not happen at Spring State?

SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State's spectrum of work is very broad, as this individual is in charge of the many projects that the MAS undertakes. (S)he must be a highly reliable worker and should have a creative eye for targeting worthwhile projects to pursue. Aside from overseeing these activities, the Secretary of State will also assist the Governor in loosely overseeing the cabinet, as well as serving as Mid-Atlantic liaison and guide for SAR initiatives.

Special Application

- What goals should the Junior State strive to achieve this year (think outside the box!)? Include any projects you feel would enhance the quality of the Junior State program in the Mid-Atlantic State.
- What prior experiences, both in and out of JSA, will facilitate your relations with the other members of the cabinet?
- Name two problems regarding the SAR unrelated to expansion. Discuss short and long term solutions to these problems.

DIRECTOR OF DEBATE

The Debate Department, in many respects, determines the overall success of a convention. Because the quality of debate is crucial to a memorable convention, a Director of Debate must be creative, well informed, and diligent. Duties include writing debate resolutions, coordinating debaters/moderators, creating and implementing new forms of debate, and educating members of the Junior State on debating techniques.

Special Application

- Using the Fall State 2010 theme, “Energizing America: Capturing the Winds of Change”, write fifteen resolutions and five blurbs for any five resolutions.
- Invent two new, original debate styles. Provide a paragraph description of each style.
- Often at debates, only a handful of students in the room participate in the debate, what plans do you have to get more students involved in debates at conventions?

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS/ASSISTANT

The Director of Logistics must possess an extraordinary ability to motivate others, as this individual moves people from blocks and assembles a team of agents that assists him/her in this task. The Logistics Department is of crucial importance because the success of a convention rests largely on its organization. Thus, (s)he must pay incredible attention to detail in all aspects of convention planning and must be congenial when directing both agents and convention delegates. Another responsibility of the Logistics Department is to oversee and mediate individual chapter transportation to and from conventions.

Special Application

- Assess last year’s logistics. What areas were lacking, and what methods would you implement this year?
- Detail the guidance you would offer to a chapter that cannot attend a convention because of transportation issues. Indicate if you are familiar with NJ Transit, Amtrak, and/or the DC-Metro system.
- A group of 7 students from Howell, NJ are planning to attend Winter Congress this year. Unfortunately, they are unable to get their own busing. Write up a logistics plan to enable their attendance at Winter Congress.

DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

The Director of Technology is responsible for maintaining the Mid-Atlantic State website, located at www.midatlantic.jsa.org. He or she must work closely with the Junior State’s National Telecom Director to approve website content updates and expand the Junior State’s Internet programs. As a supplemental task, he or she will work with the convention planning staff to create tech-based elements at conventions, including projected debate results and election results charts. This position will require dedication and skill as we hope to shift to using the website as an important means of communication between chapters and between the chapters and state cabinet.

Special Application

- Visit and provide a brief critique of the Mid-Atlantic State website at www.midatlantic.jsa.org. Describe ways you would improve the layout of the website so as to market it to prospective JSAers.
- How can the Mid-Atlantic State website be used as a communication medium? What sections would you add to the website to increase its appeal?
- Please describe any tech-based enhancements you can bring to convention planning with your skills and expertise in technology. Include links to any websites you have designed in the past (if applicable).
- One of the main goals of the MAS website is to facilitate communication among all JSAers and prospective JSAers in the MAS. What would you add/remove from the website to achieve this goal?
- The main problem with the MAS website always has been infrequent updates. What would you do to ensure that the website remains active throughout the entire year?

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL & NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES

The position of MAS Director of Special & Nighttime Activities has the responsibility of bringing dynamic, interactive simulations to each of our state conventions. This cabinet member will be responsible for organizing such one-block activities that complement convention themes and encourage audience participation (for example, we have previously hosted Mock House of Commons and Board of Education meetings). The Director of Special Activities will work closely with the Convention Coordinator and the Debate Department in order to successfully

publicize and incorporate such activities into the state conventions. The additional responsibility of “nighttime” activities includes, but is not limited to, the organization of Quiz Bowl or Impromptu-style events, as well as dances, during the evenings of state conventions.

Special Application

- Propose an original, one-block special activity or simulation and an original, one-hour nighttime activity that the MAS should host at one of its conventions. How would you encourage JSAsers to actively participate in this activity?
- Design a full-page advertisement for one of these activities that could appear in a convention agenda.

MID-ATLANTIC NEWSPAPER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF / ASSISTANT

The Editor-in-Chief is directly responsible for the layout and publication of the Mid-Atlantic State’s newspaper, The MAS Tide. (S)he will use the press to inform MAS members about state happenings and current world events. The Editor-in-Chief is therefore responsible for publishing at least three issues of The Tide during the year and compiling articles and cover stories in a creative, professional fashion. Extensive experience with computers and newspaper layout is essential.

Special Application

- Design a layout for the MAS Tide with at least one sample article.
- Describe prior experiences with newspaper publication.
- List three article topics or formats that you would include as Editor-in-Chief to catch and keep the readers’ attention. How will your suggestions increase overall awareness in the MAS?
- There has been discussion about moving to a digital newspaper as opposed to passing out paper copies at convention, what is your reaction to this?

Letter of Welcome From Your Mid-Atlantic State Lieutenant Governor

Dear Junior Statesman,

The fact that you have even taken the time out of your day to sift through this application is a testament in itself to the dedication that you have to the Junior State of America, but if you seek to have a further guiding hand in the direction of the new JSA season, I urge you to read further.

Mid-Atlantic JSA is not merely a state, we are a legend. We are home to some of the best and brightest JSAers in the country, and we seek to create a true statesman out of each and every one of you. We foster intelligence, moral rectitude, cooperation, and a true erudition – something that is rarely found anywhere else in the high school community, let alone in the country. Once more, JSA is a stepping stone into the world of true politics, true statesmanship, and true dedication. We aim to groom those that will one day shape world in which we live, and we assume that power with a great deal of care and responsibility. Understand that serving under the Lieutenant Governor’s cabinet is not an ephemeral duty; it requires you to constantly bring out not only your best work, but your best character as well.

With that said, the Lieutenant Governor’s cabinet is the home of JSA creativity. We are the innovation, the imagination, and the energy behind a JSA convention. In fact, while our relationship with the gubernatorial cabinet is certainly contiguous, the responsibilities of the lieutenant gubernatorial cabinet are both quite different and quite ubiquitous: we have positions that speak to every talent and interest. We’ve a Chief of Staff for people with an advanced understanding of JSA administration and a fondness for organization, a President Pro Tempore of the State Assembly for those interested in JSA’s legislation and dealing with students from all over the MAS at state conventions. Not to mention, there are Activism positions for JSA leaders who have a passion for causes and service; Public Relations positions for those with a knack for the press and advertising; and Expansion offices for efficient communicators who would like to help bring JSA to every high school on the East Coast.

My years of experience in this wonderful organization have taught me many lessons, a few of which I will strive to impart on you. One, being a cabinet member is not very different from being an elected official. Elected or appointed, we are all reaching for the same goal, and we therefore all do an incredible amount of work to achieve it. I, therefore, ask you to take into consideration your true abilities; fancy titles pale in comparison to one’s work ethic and diligence. Two, while a great deal of work, being a member of cabinet is a source of pride; you have become part of a group of people who determine the direction of the organization that you love so much. You meet some of your best and closest friends, as well as some of your greatest mentors (I know I have met many of both), and, through cabinet, JSA begins to build a permanent residence in your memory. Therefore, should you be appointed, I ask that you attend the Northeast Symposium at Princeton University, as well as Cabinet Retreat in Stamford, Connecticut. At both, you will be introduced to the inner-workings of the Junior State of America, as well as given your first assignments. It is an opportunity to meet your fellow cabinet members while simultaneously beginning your work for the year. As a cabinet member, it becomes your new responsibility. I now leave you with the final decision.

Best of Luck,

Chandni Sinha Das
Mid-Atlantic State Lieutenant Governor

Applications for the Mid-Atlantic State Lieutenant Governor's Cabinet

CHIEF OF STAFF

When in the course of JSA events, the MAS elects a Lieutenant Governor who is not perfectly organized and communicative, a decent Chief of Staff should be appointed to remind her of the causes which impel her function. This appointed official will be charged with assisting the Lieutenant Governor, coordinating communications between members of her cabinet, gathering contact information, and providing assistance with expansion convention tasks. The Lieutenant Governor's Chief of Staff must be organized, familiar and experienced with the workings of MAS cabinet, and willing to communicate extensively with the Lieutenant Governor and all of her appointed officials.

Special Application

- If a cabinet member was not doing his/her job properly, how would you motivate this individual to get back on track?
- What prior experiences, both in and out of JSA, will facilitate your relations with the other members of the cabinet?
- How would you order the priorities of the Lieutenant Governor's cabinet, and why?
- There has been a dispute between two of your cabinet members and they refuse to work together. Unfortunately, Winter Congress is approaching, and their cooperation is essential to the success of the convention. How would you get them to cooperate in time?

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

The President Pro Tempore of the Assembly serves many critical roles. First, the President Pro Tempore must lead the assembly with the Lt. Governor. Next, (s)he must understand the intricacies of JSA law, as (s)he will be formatting and debating those pieces of legislation that appear before the State Assembly. The person selected to be the PPT must serve as a resource to all State Assembly Representatives, helping to put their ideas into the proper format used by the Assembly. Persons applying should consider themselves personable, outgoing, and willing to debate bills when no debate occurs.

Special Application

- What bills do you want to see in the State Assembly in the upcoming year? As President Pro Tempore, what improvements to the State Assembly would you implement?
- Describe your experiences in the State Assembly. Why do you feel that President Pro Tempore is the right position for you? What experience in the Assembly makes you the right person for the job?
- Discuss your familiarity with parliamentary procedure.
- During a convention, very few people plan to attend the State Assembly meeting. What do you do to make sure that they come?

DIRECTOR OF EXPANSION

Expansion is a critical aspect of the Junior State. Working on Expansion means promoting the "Democracy is not a spectator sport" ideal throughout undeveloped areas of the Mid-Atlantic State. Members of Expansion spread the word about JSA and help interested students start chapters at their schools. Those applying for Expansion must be personable, hard working, knowledgeable about JSA and passionate about bringing JSA to new schools and new people.

Special Application

- What plans do you have to expand the state? How would you promote interest in JSA in remote areas, such as western Pennsylvania?
- At what point do you think that a chapter is ready to move from the Expansion Department into the regional Chapter Internal Affairs?
- Write a plan of action for the creation and maintenance of a chapter in the MAS.
- Due to budget cuts, many JSA Chapters are struggling to run, and many are facing possible eradication. As a Director of Expansion, what would you do to ensure that chapters that currently exist continue to do so?

- Chapters in the South Atlantic Region always face the obstacle of being geographically far from conventions, making it difficult to them to get actively involved. What would you do to ensure that SAR chapters build and maintain a formidable place in MAS JSA?

DIRECTOR OF ACTIVISM

Success in the Activism Department is vital to increasing the civic and community involvement of JSA members in the MAS. Additionally, MAS Directors of Activism are responsible for finding ways to spread political awareness both in JSA and in the community something that requires a vast understanding of both national and international events and politics, as well as creativity. To this end, the Director of Activism will be responsible for setting up political fairs, working on the promotion of service causes on a state level, and promoting activism activities among MAS chapters. This person must be creative, communicative, and particularly inclined toward community involvement.

Special Application

- What specific improvements would you make to political fairs? Include examples of organizations you would like to invite to these events.
- Choose a worthy domestic activism cause and describe how you would carry it out on a level of statewide participation (Remember: Activism is not Fundraising).
- While choosing a specific cause is certainly a vital aspect of MAS Activism, promoting general awareness and understanding among JSAers and the average high schooler is of utmost importance. How would you help educate the community and JSAers about general events and politics?
- Due to a large snow storm, many of the organizations who were listed to attend the Winter Congress Political Fair can no longer attend. How would you alter the political fair to spread a sufficient amount of knowledge and awareness with the few organizations that you now have?

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING/ASSISTANT

The Fundraising Department will coordinate all fundraising for outside organizations, which may take place at state conventions. Past fundraising activities have included Date-a-Cabinet-Member, Guitar Hero tournaments, and raffles to support causes such as KIVA and Project Hope. Applicants must be creative, innovative, and outgoing.

Special Application

- Come up with three original fundraising ideas for a state convention. Provide a short explanation of each. Be creative, but realistic.
- List three charities you'd consider for a year-long fundraising project. For each charity, briefly explain why it appeals to you, and the Junior State.
- How would you work with chapters to help them organize fundraising events at their schools to help pay for busing and convention costs?
- Your fundraising activities at Winter Congress do not seem to be getting enough interest or support. What do you do to save your fundraising cause?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

The task of spreading the gospel of JSA is no trifling one. It stands to reason, of course, that the largest high school student-run organization in the United States can only flourish if exposed and advertised to the general public on a large scale. To this end, the Director of Public Relations will be responsible for contacting local media outlets, colleges, and universities for advertisements and coverage of events, writing press and school briefs, and designing marketable paraphernalia for the MAS. Additionally, the Director of Public Relations is responsible for contacting speakers for our three state conventions. This individual must be persistent, well-spoken, concise, and especially suited to communication.

Special Application

- Create a sample press release announcing the Mid-Atlantic State Fall State 2010 (dates and other logistical information need not be accurate but please do your best to reflect a realistic press release).

- Create a flyer for the use by chapter presidents to advertise JSA events within their schools.
- What would be your method towards attracting media attention?
- Director of Public Relations depends, more than any other cabinet position, on personal connections with prominent figures in society. What public connections would you be able to utilize that set you apart from other candidates (connections of professors, politicians, authors, charities, etc.)?
- A week before Fall State, the speaker you had booked cancels and can no longer attend. What would you do to ensure that we have a quality speaker?

A Letter of Welcome From Your New Jersey Region Mayor

Ladies and Gentlemen of the New Jersey Region,

One of the greatest things that I have always admired about the Junior State of America has been its student involvement. JSA is a student run organization; it is the students who run the chapters, conventions, regions, states, and so on and so forth. Without a doubt, cabinet is a true testament to this fact. There is really no better way to get more involved than being on cabinet. There is nothing that can compare to how great it truly is. Through cabinet, one can really get involved with the everyday workings of JSA, meet some of the greatest people, and make some of the greatest memories he or she will ever have. For many, cabinet is like a family, and after your years in JSA are over – you probably won't want to give it up.

That being said, cabinet is still a large commitment. That's why, myself and the other elected officials look for the best of the best, those who are willing to make JSA one of their top priorities. We want JSAers who are willing to make deadlines, and spend those days leading up until conventions working on JSA. That is why you should apply for something that you would enjoy, and apply for something that you know that you would be good at. Do not just apply to a position for the glamour or prestige it holds. Apply to a position in which you can prove to be an asset to the New Jersey Region, as well as the entire Mid-Atlantic State and Junior State as a whole; if your love is debates, apply to be a member of the debate department, if you are great speaking with others, and getting people excited about the organization, apply to be a Director of Public Relations, or if you love Regional conferences and want to make them better, apply to be Conference Coordinator. Find what suits you, and the region, and apply to that.

Year after year, the New Jersey Region, shows itself as the greatest region in the entire Junior State. That is why we are the ones that host the largest one-day conferences in the entire country, many of them being larger than some states' overnight state conventions. This is something that I want to continue during my administration. I want to continue to see the greatest events and chapters in the organization's rich 75+ year history; something that can only be done with your help.

I would also like to remind applicants that everyone is strongly urged to attend the Northeast Institute at Princeton University this August. As well, all accepted applicants are expected to please attend the Mid-Atlantic–Northeast State Joint Cabinet Retreat at the end of August, in order to meet with fellow cabinet members and myself, to start work on one of the New Jersey Region's greatest years yet.

With this, I urge you all to come out and show your talent, and apply to be a member of cabinet. Give it your best shot; make yourself stand out from the rest. And please, make the decisions hard for me – I know you all will.

Best Regards,

Shawn Rusterholz
New Jersey Region Mayor

Applications for the New Jersey Region Mayor's Cabinet

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Chief of Staff is an essential and prominent position on the Mayor's cabinet. While acting as the Mayor's adviser, the Chief of Staff must be flexible and talented enough to possibly perform any other cabinet member's duty. The Chief of Staff must be able and willing to make many telephone calls, send emails, and maintain close communication with the Mayor and Vice-Mayor and any cabinet member as necessary. Prospective candidates must work well under stressful conditions. Enthusiasm and organizational skills, as well as the ability to address issues succinctly to specific audiences are a must. A good Chief of Staff can unify and strengthen the cabinet.

Special Application

- The Chief of Staff must understand the issues and problems facing the New Jersey Region and create practical solutions for these problems. In your opinion, what are three problems the New Jersey Region faces, and how do you propose to solve them?
- List leadership positions or leadership experiences (in or outside of JSA) that you have had or currently have. How will they complement the position of Chief of Staff? Give an example of a problem you solved and the process you used to solve it. Be sure to describe one decision you once made you later regretted.
- It is a week before Fall Regional and one of the directors of debate has yet to submit their debate blurbs. What is your plan of action to ensure that these blurbs are completed in time for the agenda to be printed?
- What suggestions do you have for fostering greater collaboration between the NJR Cabinet and that of its neighbor, the South Atlantic Region?

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

The Conference Coordinator is crucial to the two Regional Conferences held each year. Successfully organizing a conference requires ensuring high attendance, quality agendas, and smooth-running regional events. Responsibilities include creating an eye-catching flyer for the conference, putting together the Regional agendas, and planning additional activities (other than debates) for the event. Much of this work is done on short notice in the weeks prior to the event, so this individual must make JSA the top priority at that time. The Conference Coordinator must be creative, computer-savvy, and familiar with layout software and word processing. The Conference Coordinator must manage time very well.

Special Application

- Design an original conference theme and create an agenda cover, a sample "Agenda at a Glance," and a sample flyer. Write ten debate resolutions also related to the theme.
- Recently, Crisis Scenarios and RISK Debates were introduced to the New Jersey Region to give a greater variety of activities in which JSAs can participate, aside from debates. Describe one new activity you would organize at a Regional to liven up the event.
- In a debate at Fall Regional, where attendees are becoming unruly and the moderator no longer has control of the room, what would you do to resolve this issue? What would you do that a similar event does not occur at Spring Regional?
- The morning of Fall Regional, Princeton accidentally gives another group the rooms JSA had scheduled for debates. While the issue is being resolved, what would you do to keep attendees occupied?

DIRECTOR OF DEBATE

Debates in many respects establish the overall success of a conference. The Directors of Debate are in charge of creating interesting and creative debate resolutions, writing provocative debate blurbs, creating new debate styles, and finding a wide range of debaters and moderators of varying skill. The Directors of Debate must be informed of current world affairs and controversial issues. This position requires a Director of Debate who must be able to clearly phrase debate resolutions/topics so that the topic is broad enough to give the speakers a scope of issues to discuss, but narrow enough so that the arguments still remain on the issue at hand.

Special Application

- Write at least 15 original debate resolutions. Then, write a concise, informative blurb for at least five of the resolutions that briefly discusses/summarizes it and will attract student delegates to the debate.
- Design a new debate format. Explain why you think this will interest and attract delegates.
- What measures do you propose for improving the quality of debaters and moderators at Regional Conferences?
- Draft a guide that could be distributed to Chapter Presidents, regarding hosting a debate at the chapter level. Include plans for moderators, involving new debaters, resolution writing, etc.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Regional events require high attendance to be successful, and the Director of Public Relations must be able to “sell” the NJR and regional events to non-JSA-affiliated people. The Director of Public Relations must be able to book interesting and relevant speakers for regional events. This articulate person will also organize a Speaker’s Block, Guest Debater Session, or a Student vs. Guest Debater block. The Director of Public Relations will also be in charge of writing press releases, as well as actually securing media coverage for Regional events. As this position requires a great deal of phone time and letter writing, the Director of Public Relations must be professional in both his/her writing and speaking.

Special Application

- In your opinion, what specifically makes a good speaker at a JSA event?
- Create a sample invitational letter to an assemblywoman, asking her to speak at Fall Regional. Try to be both persuasive and inviting in your writing.
- Write a detailed sample press release about an upcoming Regional event and list five newspapers to which you would send it. Be sure to include not only details about the event, but also explain what the Junior State of America is.
- List and explain three different approaches that you would take as Director of Public Relations, in order to market and spread JSA to the general public.

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

The Director of Logistics is an essential presence at regional events. The Director of Logistics is responsible for arranging methods of transportation for student delegates who wish to attend regional events, since many students do not have busing or school transportation to regional conferences. Thus, the Director of Logistics should be familiar with New Jersey geography or, at least, willing to do a lot of map searching to find chapters that are in close proximity to each other. Also, the Director of Logistics and his/her assistant must ensure that student delegates know where to go at the conference by posting directional signs and essentially acting as a traffic cop. The Director of Logistics will assist in creating floor plans of buildings used for Regionals and will help manage the timing of blocks and activities. The Director of Logistics must also be very well organized.

Special Application

- Assess logistics at last year’s Fall and Spring Regional. How can you improve areas that were lacking?
- A small chapter has delegates that wish to attend the NJR Fall Regional Conference, but the delegates cannot find a means of transportation. How will you ensure that the delegates can get to the conference?
- The morning of Spring Regional, a district cancels the busing for a chapter’s delegation. What do you do to ensure that this chapter is still able to attend the conference?
- How familiar are you with the New Jersey public transportation system?

A Letter of Welcome From Your New Jersey Region Vice Mayor

Dear Junior Statesman,

Thank you for taking the initiative to get involved on the Regional level of JSA by applying to the Vice-Mayoral Cabinet. As a Cabinet applicant, you must have taken pride in the fact that you are a part of the only organization of its kind: the largest nation-wide, student-run organization in America. You must have recognized within yourself the potential to get even more involved in JSA. You must have decided that you are thrilled by what goes on in JSA conventions—and want to work behind the scenes to improve them. You must have decided that you are willing to take on the responsibility of ensuring the success of the New Jersey Region.

The NJR is one of the few regions that even has a Vice-Mayoral Cabinet; even more importantly, we are entrusted to one of the duties commonly located on Gubernatorial Cabinet: the Chapter Internal Affairs Department, which is responsible for updating chapter leadership. This is only just one of the ways that the Vice-Mayoral Cabinet is devoted to coordinating each of the individual chapters in the Region into a coherent body. Next year, the fundraising department will have to overcome new challenges as schools cut funding to JSA chapters. The Director of Mini-Cons will be responsible for publicizing Mini-Cons and encouraging Mega-Cons throughout the Region to increase attendance and allow chapters to interact between conventions.

This year, we've eliminated some positions and expanded the responsibilities of the remaining positions. As you apply to Cabinet, there is one predominant factor you should consider: You will be successful in JSA only if you enjoy what you're doing in JSA. To be honest, I had absolutely no idea what I was doing when I applied to cabinet last year—I applied to the position of newsletter editor because I enjoyed it. I encourage you to do the same. Choose the position that you will succeed in simply because you strive to do your best to fulfill its function. If you loved working on your chapter's Mini-Con this year, and think that you could help other chapters do the same, apply to be Director of Mini-Cons. If you're a people person and a problem solver, apply to be an agent of the CIA. If you enjoyed a prior experience on your high school's student newspaper, apply to be *NJR Star* Editor-in-Chief.

Fitting your personality to your cabinet position is crucial to a successful cabinet. As corny as it sounds, we're going to work together as a team and a family. We have many goals to accomplish next year, and we need the right people to accomplish those goals. Good luck and get ready for a great year!

All the Best,

Rachel Brown
New Jersey Region Vice Mayor

Applications for the New Jersey Region Vice-Mayor's Cabinet

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Chief of Staff is a vital part of the New Jersey Region communication system and is the Vice Mayor's right hand man or woman. In the absence of the Vice-Mayor during a regional or state convention, the Chief of Staff will act in place of her. This person should be willing to devote a large portion of time to the continued success of the New Jersey Region. S/he will be helping the Vice Mayor keep track of CIA Directors and other Cabinet Members, and aid fledgling or struggling chapters. This person will be required to attend meetings of the Council of Chapter Presidents.

Special Application

- Make a sample agenda that would be sent to Chapter Presidents. Be sure to include two debate topics, one thought talk, and one special activity. Also remind Chapter Presidents that taxes should be paid ASAP!
- One of the CIA Directors is MIA and calls are due to me tomorrow. What do you do? Why?
- Why do you think you would make a good Chief of Staff for the Vice Mayor? What executive experience do you have that will help you handle the affairs of the Cabinet?

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CIA) and CHAPTER INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENTS

The position of CIA agent is one of the most crucial positions on NJR Cabinet. The primary job of a CIA Agent is to keep chapters updated and organized, supplying them with vital information pertaining to taxes, registration for conventions, and any advice the chapter leadership may need. He/she will have several modes of contact to the chapters as well as the information for the President and Vice President to help them if problems arise. Additionally, the CIA Agents must attend all of the year's COCP meetings. The CIA Director will be responsible for overseeing the individual CIA agents and sending the Vice-Mayor and Chief of Staff a monthly report as to the status of the NJR chapters they are responsible for along with any problems or concern.

Special Application

- Why do you feel that you would make a great CIA Agent? List your availability to make calls during the week as well as conflicts that would arise.
- Write a sample agenda to send to Chapter Presidents before your CIA call to guide the conversation and make sure that all areas of concern are covered.
- A chapter in South Jersey wishes to attend a mini-con hosted in North Jersey. What actions do you take to logistically help the chapter?
- One of your assigned Chapter Presidents is not picking up their phone. How do you ensure that their chapter receives the logistics information necessary for the upcoming State convention?

SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (COCP)

The Secretary of COCP is responsible for creating the agendas for the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting and running the meeting with the Vice Mayor. The Secretary of COCP is also responsible for taking the minutes and attendance at all of the year's COCP meetings. The Secretary of the COCP will also be expected to have copies of any town ordinances ready for distribution if they are to be approved during the meeting. Furthermore, this person will be responsible for managing the distribution of points within the Chapter Challenge program during (and between) COCP meetings.

Special Application

- Create a survey to be given to all chapter presidents and important contacts that can be used to make COCP meetings next year most beneficial. Include questions about the effectiveness of the CIA.
- Create a mock agenda for Fall Regional COCP meeting.
- What experience do you have in organizational management?
- List three suggestions to improve the Chapter Challenge system of awarding points to chapters.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

This year, the Director of Fundraising is especially necessary for the success of the region. Due to recent state-wide budget cuts, many chapters are suffering losses of funding. The Fundraising Director is responsible for creating the Fundraising Guide in cooperation with the Vice Mayor as well as being available for any and all fundraising questions chapters may have throughout the year. To do so, the Fundraising Director must attend all of the year's COCP meetings. Additionally, the NJR may have to raise its own money in order to keep Regional conferences free of charge to all tax-paid JSAs. Therefore, the Director of Fundraising must be able to come up with creative ways to generate revenue at Regional conferences.

Special Application

- A new chapter in Northern New Jersey has emerged during the fall. Although small, this chapter is extremely interested in attending Winter Congress, but lacks the funds to do so. How would you suggest the chapter raise the money? Be sure to include at least three ideas that could be implemented within the chapter's high school and how they would be implemented.
- List at least three new fundraising ideas that could be held on the regional level. How can the NJR improve the effectiveness of bake sales and other classic fundraisers?

DIRECTOR OF MINI-CONFERENCES (MINI-CONS)

In the past, the NJR Director of Mini-Conferences was solely in charge of keeping track and booking the Mini-Con schedule. However, as an increasing number of chapters will need to raise their own money and host their own events, the Mini-Con Director must take a more active role in assisting chapter leadership this year. The Mini-Con Director will aid chapters in any questions they have about hosting a Mini-Con, such as coming up with an imaginative theme, writing quality debate resolutions, and implementing effective fundraisers. The Mini-Con Director is also responsible for publicizing Mini-Cons throughout the region and assisting chapters who wish to attend Mini-Cons logistically. Additionally, if two smaller chapters would like to host a Mega-Con, the Mini-Con director may help the two chapter leaders coordinate their efforts. The Mini-Con Director should be willing and able to attend most Mini-Cons throughout the year.

Special Application

- What's the biggest piece of advice you would give a chapter that is planning a Mini-Con for the first time?
- Create a mock Mini-Conference Manual outlining the major steps a chapter must follow in order to facilitate a successful Mini-Con.
- What Mini-Con planning experience do you have, and how would you use it to help other chapters with the "do's" and "don'ts" of Mini-Con planning?
- Two chapters have agreed to co-host a Mega-Con, but are having trouble communicating. How do you help them delegate tasks and ensure that the event runs smoothly?

NJR STAR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The *NJR Star* Editor-in-Chief is responsible for 2 issues of the *NJR Star* newsletter, distributed at Fall and Spring Regional. The Editor-in-Chief must develop interesting article concepts based on the theme of the conference and JSA events and find JSAs to write these articles (not only from Cabinet, but also from NJR chapters). Thus, the Editor must be ready to deal with deadlines and contact fellow JSAs so that all pertinent JSA news is included and contributing members are reached. The Editor must be creative and familiar with layout software and be able to work with JSA members who volunteer to write articles and editorials. The Editor must also be willing to write articles and editorials of his/her own.

Special Application

- Create a front page template for the *NJR Star*, including two articles written specifically for this assignment.
- Describe prior experiences with newspaper publication.
- List three article topics or formats that you would include to catch and keep the readers' attention. What creative ideas (political cartoons, polls, etc.) would you like to add to the *Star*?

A Letter of Welcome From Your South Atlantic Region Mayor

Fellow Statesmen:

Your allegiance to the Junior State of America has proven that you are indeed a passionate individual keen on becoming an integral part of the great society that surrounds you. Just by surveying this application, you have embarked on a journey, strong leadership and community are at the end of the path on which you now walk.

As your 2010-2011 South Atlantic Region Mayor, I am thrilled to present you with the application for our regional cabinet. However, I am even more excited at the immense range of possibilities before us. We have the opportunity to forge our own unique path and mold the South Atlantic Region into the region we want it to be: bigger, stronger, and, of course, better.

To be involved on the Regional Cabinet is both an honor and an immense responsibility. Efficiency and organization are necessary, dedication and hard work is imperative, but passion is paramount. As you read this application, apply for the position(s) you are most passionate about and willing to be dedicated about.

This cabinet will stand for so much more than simply conventions or logistics or details – we are given the extraordinary chance to lead the youth of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington D.C, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina into a world of politics, a world of opinions and solutions, and a world of democracy. I know we will have cabinet of motivated and enthusiastic members, matchless in statesmanship and perseverance, tenacity and zealous but not just for the Junior State of America but for this country and the states we represent.

As we immerse ourselves in debates and work together for a greater causes, we cannot lose sight of the purpose that transcends the mere planning and organization; we want to inspire the youth of the South Atlantic Region through knowledge and bestow upon them the experiences and opportunities that have made us so passionate and dedicated to the causes we represent. Together, we can take the SAR into uncharted territory and emerge victorious in our pursuit to expand, strengthen, and diversify. Thank you for your interest – I look forward in reading your applications.

Yours Truly,

Justin Dent
South Atlantic Region Mayor

A Letter of Welcome From Your South Atlantic Region Vice Mayor

Dear Committed JSAer,

The Junior State of America has been the greatest surprise for me. It began in small steps: First it started with joining, then with going to conventions and joining cabinet, and finally with becoming vice mayor. Whether you are planning on starting your journey with cabinet or ending with it, this journey will be a rewarding experience. If you are to be chosen to be part of cabinet, it is important for you to know your responsibilities as a leader because people will look up to you and expect you to be able to answer all of their questions. It all starts when you read this application and make the decision to make JSA one of your top priorities in your high school career.

In 2010-2011, I plan on continuing the JSA legacy that began in 1934. We not only need to look for the NJR for guidance, but also as prime examples of what is possible. This year the NJR and the SAR will work towards a common goal, to improve the Mid-Atlantic State by gaining more interested chapters and members. This means that we must step up our game. There is no doubt in my mind that the problems facing the South Atlantic Cabinet are going to be hard; however, I believe that we have the ability to tackle them. So are you up for the challenge?

Sincerely,

Allison Weise
Vice Mayor of the South Atlantic Region.

Applications for the South Atlantic Region Cabinet

CHIEF OF STAFF

The Chief of Staff is an essential and prominent, and important position on the cabinet. While acting as the Mayor and Vice Mayor's closest advisor, the Chief of Staff must be flexible and talented enough to possibly perform any other cabinet member's duty, as well as be available at a moment's notice if necessary. The Chief of Staff must be extremely personable, responsible, and willing to make many telephone calls, emails, and maintain constant communication with the Mayor and Vice-Mayor as well as any cabinet member when necessary. Prospective candidates must work well under stressful conditions. Passion, enthusiasm, organizational skills, as well as the ability to address issues succinctly to specific audiences are a must. A good Chief of Staff can unify, strengthen, and serve both as a leader and an example to the cabinet. This position requires a large time commitment and a deep understanding of and dedication to JSA and the Southern Atlantic Region. The Chief of Staff will also be in charge setting up regular conference calls with chapter presidents.

Special Application

- The Chief of Staff must understand the issues and problems facing the Southern Atlantic Region and work with the Mayor and Vice Mayor to create practical solutions for these problems. In your opinion, what are the three main problems facing the SAR, and how do you propose to solve them?
- What prior experiences, both in and out of JSA, will facilitate your relations with the other members of the cabinet? And how will you apply these experiences to your leadership role as Chief of Staff? Give an example of a problem you solved and how you went about solving it.
- How would you order the priorities of the South Atlantic Region's cabinet, and why?
- If a cabinet member were not doing his/her job properly, how would you motivate this individual to get back on track?

DIRECTOR OF DEBATE

Debates are an integral part of JSA, allowing members to voice their opinions as well as improve their knowledge of current events and public speaking skills. The Directors of Debate are in charge of creating interesting, creative, and relevant debate resolutions, writing provocative and accessible debate blurbs, creating new debate styles, and finding a wide range of debaters and moderators of varying skill. The Director of Debate must be very knowledgeable concerning current world affairs as well controversial topics present and past. This position requires the ability to write organized, well-written, clear resolutions that have many debatable aspects yet require debaters to remain focused on the issue at hand. The Director of Debate is responsible for finding debaters in advance of events and making sure they are educated on proper debate format and techniques. The Director of Debate is also responsible for the quality of debate in individual chapters and must be available to help developing chapters create interesting and relevant resolutions. The Director of Debate must be a voracious researcher, apt writer, and dependable resource. In addition the Director of Debate must be willing to work with the State appointed Directors of Debate in hopes of expanding the depth and breadth of debates in the region both on and above the chapter level.

Special Application

- Create an original convention theme and write ten interesting debate resolutions that relate to the theme. Provide a concise yet informative (no more than four sentences) blurb for five of the debates that will captivate debaters and members and encourage them to participate. In addition provide a thorough explanation as to the relevance of your theme and the debates which you have chosen.
- A freshman debater with little prior is assigned to debate a topic, but does not know how to debate. You have ten minutes before the debate is scheduled to begin. How would you educate this member?
- How do you plan to improve the quality of debates and debaters in newer chapters across the SAR.
- What are your goals for the SAR's debate department in the coming year, and how do you intend to achieve them?

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR / ASSISTANT

The Conference Coordinator is integral in planning to the two Regional Conferences held each and must help interested chapters plan and host mini-cons. Successfully organizing a conference requires ensuring substantial attendance, quality agendas, and smooth-running regional events. This position requires prior experience in planning events, a solid and dependable work ethic, solid organizational skills, and an understanding of the events and purpose of Regional's and Mini-Cons. Responsibilities include creating an eye-catching flyer for the conferences, putting together the Regional agendas, and planning additional activities (other than debates) for the event. Much of this work will be done in the weeks prior to the event, so this individual must make JSA the top priority at that time. The Conference Coordinator must be a compelling advocate for these events and able to publicize events to chapters and their members. Computer-savvy and familiarity with layout software and/or word processing is a prerequisite.

Special Application

- A chapter would like to hold a Mini-Con, but has never held one before. How would you help this chapter organize and prepare? How would you measure the success of this Mini-Con?
- Design an original, interesting, and creative conference theme and create an agenda cover, a sample "Agenda at a Glance", and sample flyer. Write ten debate resolutions related to the theme.
- What new events, if any, would you add at regional events to increase excitement and participation at regional events? Provide an explanation of the events, and why you think they will prove to be a success. If you chose no, please, elaborate as to why you don't believe new events should be added.
- Describe your plan for increasing event attendance, and discuss what challenges do you think prevented previous regional events from securing a high number of attendees?

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

The Director of Logistics is an essential presence at regional events. The Director of Logistics is responsible for arranging methods of transportation for members who wish to attend regional events. Since many schools have difficulty arranging transportation to regional conferences, the Director of Logistics should be familiar with schools in the SAR and their relative locations or willing to some basic research to compile a list of schools close to one another. The Director of Logistics will assist in managing the timing of blocks and activities. The Director of Logistics may also serve as a resource for students and chapters who wish to attend NJR regionals as well as State events.

Special Application

- Explain why you are fit for this position, focusing on your abilities to be detail oriented and organized and experiences in which you have demonstrated these abilities.
- A small chapter has delegates that wish to attend the SAR Fall Regional Conference, but the delegates cannot find transportation. How will you ensure that the delegates can get to the conference?

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CIA)

The CIA Director is a key position on the cabinet. Their job consists of being in contact with all chapters for various reasons, and reporting back to the Vice Mayor. They may use any mode of communication that they find effective (telephone, email, Facebook, etc). They will send a monthly report to the Vice Mayor, and they will work with the chapters if any problems arise. They are also in charge of creating effective fundraising ideas. They must also make sure that all chapters are running smoothly all year round.

Special Application

- Why would you make a great CIA Director? Are there any certain qualities that you possess that would help you?
- Make a sample monologue/script of what you would say during a normal CIA call
- Make a list of at least three effective fundraising ideas with descriptions of each
- What other activities do you do besides JSA? Would you be willing to make JSA your top priority?

DIRECTOR OF ACTIVISM

With increasing political tension and involvement in many of the states that the SAR encompasses, this new position should prove particularly successful in increasing the levels of civic and community involvement of JSA members in the SAR. To this end, the Director of Activism will be responsible for the promotion of service causes on a regional level and the promotion of activism among SAR chapters. A successful Director of Activism will encourage members to become involved in their communities and expose them to opportunities and events to increase their political awareness and activism. This person must be creative, communicative, and particularly inclined toward community involvement.

Special Application

- Choose a worthy domestic activism cause and describe how you encourage SARers to aid it.
- What methods would you use to ensure that members of the South Atlantic are kept aware of volunteer opportunities or events that could foster their political and civic awareness?
- For each state which the SAR represents provide two or more state specific causes that would encourage JSA members to become even more of an active participant in their community and in JSA.

SAR NEWSLETTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Going forward, communication, or lack thereof, proves to be one of the regions toughest challenges, the editor-in-chief of this newsletter will be at the forefront of tackling this challenge. The South Atlantic has never had a newsletter and its logistics (name for example) have yet to be fully established, therefore this will prove to be a time consuming, attention demanding, yet rewarding position. As the editor-in-chief you will be responsible for ensuring that through your publication, chapters are kept aware of upcoming events, deadlines, activism opportunities, and other relevant JSA, global, national, and local events. Experience with newsletter or newspaper layout and design will prove to be necessary, in addition to general computer savvy and a general sense of literary prowess. You must be able to work with other members of the cabinet as well as reach out to chapter members and presidents to both hear their concerns and interests and to seek them out as potential journalists for the newsletter.

Special Application

- Create a front page for the newsletter including two articles written specifically for this assignment with any other information you wish to include.
- Describe prior journalistic experiences and relate them to the job you will do as editor-in-chief. Why are you interested in this position?
- The editor must secure writers and be in constant communication with these writers. How will you obtain sufficient numbers of submissions?
- What are your suggestions for the newsletter's name?

Mid Atlantic-State Questionnaire

Your responses to this questionnaire will be an asset to the running of the Mid-Atlantic State next year! The opinions of all JSAers are essential to a successful year, so it is encouraged for you to confer with chapter members when answering these questions. Note that responses to these questions will in no way influence or affect the selection of cabinet members. Please answer on a **separate sheet of paper**.

1. What was one positive aspect and one negative aspect of the MAS in 2009-2010? What do you want to see changed in JSA next year?
2. How was your interaction with state and regional level elected officials and cabinet members this past year?
3. The Political Fair has always encountered problems garnering interest and attendance. How would you rate this year's political fair? What would interest you?
4. How would you rate MAS Activism this year? What new things would you like to see this year?
5. How would you rate the speakers of this past year? Who would you like to see speak at a convention?