



# JSA. BE THE PEOPLE

## The Texas Junior State of America 2013 Fall State Convention “Progressing Beyond Partisanship: From Conflict to Compromise”

Sheraton Austin at the Capitol, November 23-24, 2013  
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 22, 2013

The Junior State of America hopes you will be able to join hundreds of students and teachers from throughout your region for an exciting educational experience at this weekend-long convention.

At Junior State conventions students engage in a variety of activities, including debates, student-led thought talks, mock trials and other simulations which critically examine the political landscape. Students learn about today’s important issues and have the unique opportunity to express their opinions and challenge the opinions of others in a tolerant, supportive atmosphere. Delegates raise the level of political discourse with their thoughtful, yet often controversial, remarks. Politically engaged and interested students from diverse backgrounds share their perspectives, learn from each other and have fun as they discuss, debate and socialize together.

JSA convention registration can be complex and takes considerable advance planning, attention to detail and communication between chapter leaders and JSA staff members. **YOU MUST GET YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN ON TIME.** Call your Program Director, Steve Bayne, at (800) 317-9338 ext 7638 if you have problems meeting the deadline.

<b><u>Student Registration Fees:</u></b>	\$ 125.00	Member Registration Rate (online)
	\$ 135.00	Non-Member Rate (online)
	\$ 15.00	Late Registration (per delegate)
	\$ 10.00	Administrative Fee for Paper Registration (per delegate)
	\$ 55.00	Extra Night Fee

<b><u>Teacher Registration Fees:</u></b>	Free Teacher Advisor Shared Double Room
	\$ 95.00 Private Room (per room; per night)

The student registration rates listed above are for tax-paid members of a chapter with 8 or more members. A Junior State chapter should not register delegation members who have not paid taxes. If you would like to start a Junior State chapter in your school, call the Junior State Headquarters office and request a Junior State Chapter Start-Up Guide. It contains full instructions on getting started.

**What the Fee Covers:** Lodging at the hotel, all educational materials, two days of exciting educational programs and organized evening social activities. Meals are not included, but arrangements have been made with the hotel to provide inexpensive meal options.

**Date:** November 23-24, 2013

**Location:** Sheraton Austin at the Capitol | 701 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St | Austin, TX 78701

**Check-in:** Delegation registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Room keys will not be available until 5:30 p.m.; storage for luggage will be provided.
- Teachers' rooms will not be available until after 5:30 p.m., but we will try to get keys early when possible.

**Check-out:** The convention will end Sunday at approximately 3:00 p.m. Delegates will be required to check out of their rooms by 9 a.m. on Sunday. Luggage storage will be available.

**Obtain School Approval:** Check with the 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.

**Teacher/Advisor Registration:** For every group of 1-19 students in your delegation, you MUST bring at least one teacher. For example you will need 1 teacher for 1-19 students; 2 for 20-38 students, 3 for 40-57 students, etc.

Teachers sharing twin room accommodations register for twin room accommodations (shared with another teacher of the same sex in a room with two beds). For registration for Teacher Advisors who would like a private room, there is an extra fee of \$85/night.

**Late Fees:** A \$15 per student late fee will be assessed on ALL registrations that are not received by the registration deadline. Also, remember that we will not accept any changes to your registration after the Monday leading up to the convention.

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San Mateo, CA 94402

**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. Each 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 to their parents and sent home immediately. Delegations are encouraged to form car pools with parent and/or teacher advisor drivers or to charter a school bus or van.

**Bus Parking:** If you are planning to park a bus at the hotel, please contact Sabrina Phelps at the Sheraton Austin (sphelps@sheratonaustinhotel.com) to make arrangements for parking passes. Based on last year's rates, Saturday night is \$122 per bus and Parking for both Friday and Saturday is \$194 total per bus.

**Conduct:** Rules of conduct for the convention are listed on the Parental Permission Slips 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 with their delegates all of the rules stated in the Permission Slips to ensure that all members of their delegations can be counted upon to honor them.

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 State of America program.

Additional rules may be announced by the Junior Statesmen Staff or Teacher/Advisor at the convention. *We reserve the right to send home, without refund, any individual delegate, or even an entire delegation, for violations of the rules.*

**Fundraising:** We hope every delegation is actively raising funds to lower convention prices for its members. Learn how Chapters may sign up for their own fundraising webpage to collect online donations at <http://jsa.org/about/chapters/fundraising-for-your-chapter/>. Download the Fundraising Manual from [www.jsa.org/downloads](http://www.jsa.org/downloads) for fund-raising ideas or contact your JSA office to speak with your Program Director.

## GETTING INVOLVED AT THE CONVENTION

Debater and Moderator sign-up requests can be done at:

[jsa.org/debate](http://jsa.org/debate)

1. Click to proceed and log in if necessary. If you have a facebook, it is much more convenient to simply login with facebook.
2. Click into your state
3. Click the convention you want
4. Sign up pro, con, or to moderate for a debate. If it's a thought talk, sign up to moderate.

### QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS?

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

**Steve Bayne, Program Director** (800) 334-5353 sbayne@jsa.org

You can also contact these student leaders for more information:

**Indre Altman, Governor:** (713) 551-3622 ialtman@texas.jsa.org  
**Sikander Zakriya, Convention Coordinator:** (443) 388-6210 szakriya@texas.jsa.org

For help and advice with recruiting students to join your delegation:

**Grace Dunlap, Chapter Internal Affairs Director:** (281)686-1311 gdunlap@texas.jsa.org

For more information and support for debate signups:

**Connor Burwell, Director of Debate** (713) 822-8857 cburwell@texas.jsa.org

To volunteer to help out behind the scenes with convention logistics:

**Adam Berman, Director of Logistics** (210) 860-4611 aberman@texas.jsa.org

Chapter Fundraising Advice and Support:

**Emily Lang, Fundraising Director** (210) 493-7911 elang@texas.jsa.org

## Sample Fall State Agenda—subject to change

### Saturday

**Registration:** 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Opening Session:** 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Block I:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

- Resolved, that modern technology has created a Me, Me, Me generation
- Beginner Debate: Resolved that the death penalty be abolished.
- Resolved, that national security take legal precedence over individual liberties.
- Resolved, that all national funding for Planned Parenthood be eliminated.
- Thought Talk: What can congress do to increase its approval rating?

**Block II:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- Resolved, that the Iraq War failed to achieve its goal.
- Resolved, that the national voting age be lowered to 16
- Resolved, that marriage be legally defined as the union between one man and one woman.
- Resolved, that unions are no longer a necessary entity in American industry.
- Thought Talk: What is the role of religion in democracy?

**Lunch:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

**Block III:** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- Council of Chapter Presidents Meeting
- Resolved, that a two state solution is the only peaceful resolution for the Middle East.
- Resolved, that the United States freeze public college tuition growth through 2020.
- Resolved, that Congress pass a ban on the sale and possession of automatic assault rifles.
- Thought Talk: What will be the role of third parties in American politics?

**Block IV:** 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- Teacher Advisor Reception
- Resolved, that the Libertarian Party is the solution to the partisan divide
- Resolved, that the U.S. cut ties with Israel.
- Mock Supreme Court Case: Town of Greece v. Galloway

**Key Distribution:** 5:00PM – 5:15 PM

**Dinner:** 5:30 PM – 8:15 PM

**Chapter Caucus:** 8:15 PM – 8:30 PM

**Nighttime Activities:** 8:30 PM – Midnight

- Dance, Move, Quiz Bowl, JSA Idol

### Sunday

**Breakfast & Checkout:** 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**Block V:** 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

- Summer School Information Session
- Resolved, that 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights be applied to students and adults equally.
- Resolved, that the United States openly condemn China's human rights violations.
- Resolved, that the United States has an obligation to protect its foreign economic interests.
- Thought Talk: Can absolute free speech endanger government stability?

**Block VI:** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

- Resolved, that the United States end its policy of birthright citizenship.
- Crisis Scenario: Terrorists threaten the United States with biological weapons.
- Resolved, that the Equal Rights Amendment be reintroduced.
- Resolved, that North Korea, as a sovereign nation, has a right to develop nuclear arms.
- Thought Talk: Should the United States take a militaristic approach in regards to Iran's nuclear program?

**Lunch:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Block VII:** 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

- Resolved, that the national debt will be the largest threat to American national security.
- Resolved, that it is morally acceptable to conduct drone strikes on other nations.
- Resolved, that Congress pass the Buffett Rule.
- Resolved, that labeling for genetically modified organisms be mandatory.
- Resolved, that Google be prohibited from holding search records for any amount of time.

**Closing Session:** 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

# FALL STATE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

All student participants from your high school and their Teacher/Advisor(s) will register as a group online using **MyJSA** at [www.jsa.org/myjsa](http://www.jsa.org/myjsa). Chapter presidents and Teacher/Advisors will register their chapters online through **MyJSA**, making sure to complete registration by the deadline. Accuracy is important: these names are used to create name tags and are double checked against your submitted room lists, so please make sure names are spelled correctly and email addresses and other contact information is correct.

To use the web-based registration system you must be designated as a Chapter President or Teacher/Advisor in the **MyJSA** membership management system. To have your **MyJSA** account upgraded to “Chapter President” or “Teacher/Advisor” please:

- Complete and return a new Chapter Leadership Form (available in this packet or online at [jsa.org](http://jsa.org))
- Call your JSA Program Director or JSA Offices at (800) 334-5353 or (800) 317-9338; OR
- Submit an online request at [www.jsa.org/myjsa](http://www.jsa.org/myjsa) by logging in to your account, going to “My Personal Data”, and changing the JSA Role field to “Chapter President”

JSA staff will update the system to reflect the current chapter leadership within one business day.

If any of your members do not register before the deadline, we will house students based on available space, rather than according to your requested Rooming List, and you will be charged a late fee of \$10.00 per student. **NO CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE MONDAY BEFORE THE CONVENTION.**

## HOUSING

Four 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 have been invited to come to the convention one day early and stay in a room with other JSA student officers must get the approval of their Teacher/Advisor and should be listed in their school’s delegation. List the student officers separately on the Rooming List Form and notify your Program Director via email with acknowledgment from the Teacher/Advisor.

Accommodations can be made for students or chaperones that need special arrangements due to a physical disability or handicap. Please call or email your Program Director so these accommodations can be made with the hotel prior to the start of the convention.

## ONLINE GROUP REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND TEACHER/ADVISORS

**Step 1:** Log into MyJSA and **indicate your delegation leaders**. Go to the My Events tab, and under “Register for a New Event” select “Fall State” and then click “Start registration.” This will create a new event on the My Events page. Click on the link, and select your student delegation leader and primary attending teacher or chaperon. You should do this as soon as your chapter has permission to attend (even before you know how many delegates you will have), as this allows us to plan for your attendance. If you have a My Chapter tab but you do not see a registration option under My Events, contact the JSA office at (800) 317-9338 or email [jsa@jsa.org](mailto:jsa@jsa.org) and we will add this option to your account.

**Step 2: Complete all of the forms in this registration packet** as a **guide** for your online registration. Even though you will be registering online, it provides useful logistical information, as well as a set of the rules and other pertinent information. Note that there is a **\$10 per person paper registration fee** for chapters that do not register online. For large delegations the paper registration fee can be hundreds of dollars, so don't waste your chapter's money - register online!

**Step 3: Update your chapter roster.** Make sure your entire new and returning chapter members are listed under your membership roster in our database. We recommend that you bring a computer with an internet connection to your first few meetings, and have members fill out a new member form online if they are not already listed on your membership roster. **You should have all members entered in MyJSA**, with correct and complete contact information.

**Step 4: Collect registration fees and permission slips.** At the beginning of October, you should begin collecting Fall State registration fees and permission slips from all of your members who will attend convention. Keep track of who has paid and who has submitted permission slips using the forms in your registration packet or a spreadsheet on your computer.

**Step 5: Create a rooming list.** Once you know all the members of your delegation, use the rooming list form in the registration packet to note who will room together.

**Step 6: Calculate the total cost for your delegation.** Use the instructions in the registration packet to calculate the total cost for your delegation, including student registration fees and any extra fees for teacher/advisors.

**Step 7: Log in and submit your registration for your delegation.** The online registration form will ask for the information that you have assembled above, namely, the delegates for your group, the convention pricing package for each delegate, and your rooming preferences for delegates. The students and adults that you register are selected from your chapter roster; this is why it is important to make sure your roster is complete, as described above in Step 3. After submitting your registration online you will see an invoice, which shows the total amount due and your delegation list.

**Step 8: Send in your payment and permission slips** to the Junior State of America San Mateo office. If you are paying for your delegation by credit card, you can call the office to supply the credit card information.

# WHAT TO SUBMIT AFTER COMPLETING YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION

(Make a copy of each item for your records)

- Rooming list. This should be submitted online. You will receive an email with a link to the online form after you have submitted your delegation leaders online using MyJSA.
- Permission slip for each student, signed by the student and a parent or guardian. Please, make copies of the permission slip from this packet and give to delegates or request extras from the JSA Office. Please do not fax signed permission slips to the JSA office.
- Teacher/Advisor Responsibilities Form. Use the copy from this packet.
- Payment in full for each registered student (see Payment Options below) or evidence that you've made arrangements to have a check sent, such as a Purchase Order. Don't postpone submitting your registration materials if there will be delay in the school issuing a check. Submit your materials with a Purchase Order number issued by the school, or fax us a copy of the check request submitted to your school accounting office.
- Payment in full for membership taxes and a completed tax form:  
<http://www.jsa.org/download/taxformpaymentonly.pdf>

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- 1) School Check: ONE** inclusive check payable to The Junior State from the school. If your school cannot process your check request before the registration deadline, fax 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.
- 2) Personal Check: ONE** inclusive check payable to The Junior State from a parent or teacher (delegates will pay that individual).
- 3) Credit Card:** JSA will accept credit card payments for registration by phone. Please call (800) 334-5353.
- 4) Purchase Order:** A school purchase order (must be payable within 30 days of registration deadline).
  - **Do not send individual personal checks from the delegates.**
  - **Do not send cash.**

Your delegation will not be registered until payment is received in one of the forms listed above.

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# FALL STATE REGISTRATION FORM

(To be used as a guide before registering online)

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT DELEGATION LEADER

TEACHER/ADVISOR (Use separate sheet for additional T/As)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE/CELL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE/CELL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (absolutely required) \_\_\_\_\_

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Our entire delegation will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ people ( \_\_\_\_\_ students + \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Advisors)

Number

_____	Student Standard Registration	\$125.00	\$ _____
_____	Student Registration with Extra Night	\$ 180.00	\$ _____
_____	Teacher/Advisor Shared Room (one T/A per 19 students)	\$0.00	\$ <u>FREE</u>
_____	Teacher/Advisor Private Room (one T/A per 19 students)	\$ 95.00	\$ _____
_____	Teacher/Advisor Private Room with Extra Night	\$ 190.00	\$ _____
_____	Late Fee after October 9 (Per Student)	\$15.00	\$ _____
_____	Paper Registration Administration Fee (Per Student)	\$10.00	\$ _____

Please enclose ONE INCLUSIVE CHECK/PAYMENT for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS after the Registration Deadline -- \$15.00 Late Registration Fee PER PERSON**

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to:  
**THE JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA**  
 800 S. Claremont St, Suite 202, San Mateo, CA 94402



## FALL STATE CONVENTION -- HOTEL ROOMING LIST

(To be used as a guide before submitting online)

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Please print VERY clearly -- your name tags will be made from this list.
- \* Students from other schools should not be listed on your form, unless they are part of your official delegation.
- \* 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 his/her name at the bottom.
- \* Make a copy of this list before you send us the original.

ROOM #1 -- Females

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ROOM #1 – Males

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ROOM #2 -- Females

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ROOM #2 – Males

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ROOM #3 -- Females

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ROOM #3 – Males

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

Teacher Advisor Approval: I have reviewed our school's Registration Form and Hotel Rooming List. It is accurate, and I approve of the students attending.

Teacher/ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL DELEGATES Hotel Rooming List (Continued from previous page)

Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Consider your rooming list as your REVISED list; include all delegates who will attend for your school, including the new additional students and replacement students.

You may need to make copies of this form first in order to include all of your delegates.

Teacher/Advisor Approval: I have reviewed this list. It is accurate, and I approve of the students attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher/Advisor Signature

ROOM #4 -- Females

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ROOM #4 -- Males

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ROOM #5 -- Females

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ROOM #5 -- Males

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ROOM #6 -- Females

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ROOM #6 -- Males

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ROOM #7 -- Females

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ROOM #7 -- Males

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