SUMMER PROGRAM NOTICE #23

Junior State of America (JSA) Summer Programs....

Important Note: If you are selected for the internship, please inform Mr. Honor immediately via email at: bths.internship@gmail.com
Dear Educator,

Junior State of America (JSA) Summer Programs give high achieving students the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills, study with university professors and gain familiarity with the college living experience. Students from all around the country who share similar interests in current events and civic engagement learn together in these residential, academic programs. JSA Summer Programs help prepare students for future success at all levels - high school, college, and beyond.

We would like your help identifying outstanding eighth-graders, freshmen, sophomores and juniors who have a passionate interest in politics and current events. We are seeking the type of students who are engaged in what is happening in the world around them, and look to be the future leaders of their communities.

This year we have three exciting summer programs students can apply to:

- **JSA Summer Schools** are held on the campuses of Georgetown, Princeton and Stanford, and offer college-level classes ranging from AP U.S. Government to International Relations to Speech and Political Communication. A rigorous academic curriculum is taught by university professors, combined with personal support to help students master the study skills needed to succeed in college.

- **The JSA Diplomat Program** takes 30 highly qualified students to Capital Normal University in Beijing, China for a truly unique experience. Students spend 4 weeks studying Chinese History & Government, learning beginning conversational Chinese and visiting historical cultural sites, and can also earn college credit for the coursework taken there.

- **The 2012 JSA Election Symposia at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions** give students a behind-the-scenes look at Election 2012 through visits to campaign headquarters and press centers, as well as the opportunity to meet and question Members of Congress, campaign leaders, convention delegates, journalists and political activists.

If you know of students who would be strong candidates for our programs, please give them one of the included nomination cards, which provide information on where they can learn more and how to apply. You can also nominate a student by going to [http://summer.jsa.org/nominate](http://summer.jsa.org/nominate) and completing the brief online form.

We understand you may be hesitant to nominate a student who you believe may not have the financial means to afford the tuition for these programs. We know these are challenging economic times, and because we want all eligible students to be able to experience this opportunity, we have scholarships and fundraising programs to help families that wish to invest in their child's education despite limited resources. We appreciate your help and will send a brochure along with scholarship and fundraising information to each student you nominate.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions or would like to receive copies of the brochure to give to your students, feel free to contact us at 800-334-5353, or e-mail jsa@jsa.org.

Sincerely,

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JSA Summer Programs
For Outstanding High School Students

at GEORGETOWN | at PRINCETON | at STANFORD | BEIJING, CHINA | AND MORE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FOR FUTURE LEADERS

Get a front row seat to this year’s exciting election

JSA 2012 Election Symposia
at the Republican & Democratic National Conventions

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-2012.
2012 will be a dynamic and transformational year for our country. In this election year, the American People will make a critical choice for their future. The decision requires informed leadership from America's young people, who play a pivotal role in deciding the outcome of presidential elections. We encourage you to meet the challenge of the future by attending a JSA Summer Program, to engage and to accelerate your journey of civic leadership.

Is Politics Your Passion?
JSA Summer Programs offer a challenging, dynamic academic experience for students who have a passion for politics and government. For over 75 years, the non-partisan Junior Statesmen programs have provided an unparalleled training ground for the students who will be the civic leaders of their generation. JSA Summer Programs prepare students to tackle the challenges facing their communities, our nation and the world.

With programs at some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including Georgetown, Stanford and Princeton, JSA Summer Programs provide an advanced college curriculum, dynamic skills-based leadership activities, and interactive sessions with prominent politicians, journalists, academicians and other opinion leaders.

A Challenging and Unique Curriculum
JSA Summer Programs are structured to develop your knowledge of politics, leadership and history, your ability to speak and write persuasively, and your appreciation for intellectual and ethical principles. Academic course work is augmented with interactive, student-run activities and simulations so that students graduate from the program with increased confidence, an expanded knowledge base and a heightened sense of civic responsibility.

We offer a wide variety of programs including 3 to 4 week Summer Schools at top universities around the nation, 3 or 4 day Institutes focusing on today's most important political issues and a week long opportunity to experience the excitement of the 2012 election first hand at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.
Be Involved. Be the People.

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Jump-Start Your Future

Preparation for the Challenge of College Life
Surrounded by a diverse group of students, you’ll be challenged by a stimulating academic curriculum in an encouraging and cooperative environment. You will be living in a college dorm and developing a new sense of personal responsibility. Beginning with the application process, every component of the program is designed to prepare students for success at the university level and future careers.

Incubator for Tomorrow’s Leaders
If you aspire to engage in civic and political affairs, JSA Summer School is an invaluable head start. The course work will provide the knowledge to help you analyze current events and public policy. Interactive learning activities help you build the skills, character and confidence you need to be an effective leader. The friends you make at JSA Summer School will be a part of your network for decades to come, and you’ll be connected to JSA alumni who are leaders in politics, law, business, academia, journalism and many other fields.

Superior Academic Focus
The professors at JSA Summer School are recruited from universities around the world and thrive on classroom teaching. Small classes foster intellectual inquiry and the role of professors as mentors. Through lectures, class discussion and group activities, you will explore the ins and outs of politics and debate. Students gain the research, study and time management skills that are essential for success at top universities.

High-Level Political Discourse
Informed political discussion strengthens a democratic society and the Summer School provides the right atmosphere to foster intelligent conversations about politics and government. Students gain the insight to go beyond sound bites and analyze the punditry that permeates the news media and the internet. Inside and outside of the classroom, students express their opinions, challenge their assumptions and learn from each other’s experiences. Views and values from across the political spectrum and from those who have yet to subscribe to one particular ideology fuel a dynamic and stimulating learning environment.

The Summer School Community
Each summer, the students, faculty and resident assistants who participate in the JSA Summer School create a unique and vibrant community, one where leadership and friendship, teaching and mentoring go hand in hand.

Students. Students develop leadership and debating skills, and discuss current affairs in a tolerant, respectful environment. Additionally, an introduction to a network of JSA alumni and new friends from across the nation and the world, combined with fun social activities and cultural excursions, helps students create valuable social networks that can last a lifetime.

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Faculty. The hallmark of the JSA faculty is dedication to learning. Experts in their field, professors live on campus and form close working relationships with students. Because of limited class sizes and the residential nature of the program, they are able to provide academic guidance both in and out of the classroom.

Resident Assistants. RAs have a unique role that bridges the academic and social aspects of Summer School. Living in the dorms, they meet with participants each evening and provide supervision and guidance 24 hours a day. They also organize weekly recreational activities, including dances, trips off-campus, a Talent Show and 4th of July festivities.

Sample Daily Schedules are available on our website at www.jsa.org/summer.
An Experience of a Lifetime

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Student-run Congressional Workshop
Studying alone is not enough to develop great leaders. Acquiring and refining leadership skills require active participation and the opportunity to work with and lead your peers. The Summer Schools feature a Congressional Workshop as part of the curriculum to give students a chance to use the knowledge and skills they gain in the classroom settings. Students develop the negotiation, persuasion and collaboration skills that are the foundation of effective leadership.

Recreation
Throughout the program, students get the chance to relax and unwind from their studies and educational activities. The demanding schedule does allow for free time where you can take advantage of recreational facilities on campus; from basketball to swimming to soccer and frisbee. Shop at the campus bookstore or grab a snack at the student union complex. Dances and other social activities are planned for students by the staff. Cultural trips include excursions to New York City (at Princeton session), San Francisco (Stanford session) and the museums and monuments of our nation's capitol (Georgetown sessions). Optional supervised trips off campus on weekends let students take in a movie, attend a play or baseball game together.

Meet and Question the Nation’s Top Politicians, Policy Makers and Opinion Leaders
Summer School students get up close and personal with today’s leading politicians, journalists, and other political opinion leaders during our highly interactive speakers programs. The academic course work prepares students to engage in intelligent and insightful dialogue with these prominent figures. The Speakers Program is particularly strong at our Georgetown sessions in Washington, D.C. where students meet on Capitol Hill, in the White House complex, at the Pentagon and other centers of power. New York City and the United Nations are the sites of the Speakers Program for the students attending our programs at Princeton. The Speakers Program at the Stanford session includes the nation’s leading political scientists and economists as well as leaders from the technology driven Silicon Valley.

Speakers Program
In recent years, Summer School students have met and questioned:

Barack Obama
George H.W. Bush
Dick Cheney
Bill Clinton
Ben Bernanke
Colin Powell
Madeline Albright
Robert Gates
Karl Rove
Mike McCurry
Norman Mineta
Ed Meese
Ari Fleisher
Rosie Rios
Newt Gingrich
Margaret Spellings
Harriet Miers

Members of Congress
Peter King
Nancy Pelosi
Dana Rohrabacher
Barney Frank
John Kasich
James Clyburn
Chris Smith
Pete Stark
Connie Mack

United States Senators
Harry Reid
Kay Bailey Hutchinson
John McCain
Dianne Feinstein
Lisa Murkowski
Bernie Sanders
Scott Brown
Barbara Boxer
Dick Durbin
Tom Colburn
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Bill Bradley, former
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Eleanor Clift, Newsweek
Brian Lamb, C-SPAN
Frank Sesno, CNN
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Other Recent Speakers
JSA Summer School at
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.
July 15 - August 5, 2012

You won't just learn about politics, you'll live it!

Georgetown Summer School students experience a unique combination of rigorous academics and hands-on learning in our nation's capitol. During three intense, yet rewarding weeks of Summer School, the study of government is enriched by a high-level Speakers Program and nightly student debates.

Why choose our program at Georgetown?

Students attending JSA Summer School at Georgetown find themselves at the epicenter of U.S. government and politics. Overlooking the Potomac river and the nation's capital, our Georgetown summer program offers a phenomenal speakers series and a deep dive into American politics that is unmatched at any of our other programs. For this reason, Georgetown is often a favorite destination for students who have a more advanced understanding of political dynamics and experience studying key issues and topics. Nonetheless, no matter what your grade level or current awareness of U.S. politics, a summer spent at our program at Georgetown will be a lively and enriching academic, cultural and social experience.

Classes Offered at Georgetown

- AP United States Government
- Constitutional Law
- International Relations
- Media & Politics
- Speech & Political Communication
- The American Presidency

"I truly believe I learned more in three weeks at Georgetown Summer School than I had in three years in high school. I would recommend JSA Summer School not just for its course program, but also the political opportunities it supplies and the great people you will meet."

Nesha Patel
Georgetown Summer School graduate
A community of scholars and innovators

In the heart of Silicon Valley, the world-famous campus forms a backdrop to three intense weeks of political study and debate. An in-depth speakers program brings together a stellar group of scholars and politicians to explore hot topics in U.S. government, international relations, business and the media. Palm trees, red-tiled roofs and 70 degree sunny days welcome Summer School students to Stanford University along with an outstanding faculty and an ideal learning environment.

Why choose our program at Stanford?

Located between San Francisco and San Jose in the heart of Silicon Valley, Stanford is one of the world’s leading research and teaching institutions. Students enjoy a hands-on approach including working closely with world-class faculty and academic coaches. Warm sunny days welcome students to this mecca of innovation and entrepreneurship. While the Stanford campus and neighboring community of Palo Alto provide an inviting sanctuary, Silicon Valley is a vast and vibrant urban center that is home to high-technology giants, gutsy startups, and everything in between. It has also become fertile ground for campaign fundraising and spirited political debate, making it an inspiring destination for JSA Summer School participants.

“From the satisfaction of finishing my term paper to the outing in San Francisco to the last dance, no other program can offer the same intensity, the same sense of accomplishment and the same sense of connection to other people from around the world.”

Jennifer Bunn
Stanford Summer School graduate

Classes Offered at Stanford

- AP United States Government
- AP Macroeconomics
- Constitutional Law
- International Relations
- Speech & Political Communication
JSA Summer School at
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ
July 8 - July 29, 2012

A tradition of learning and leadership

Summer School students attending our sessions at Princeton explore the world of politics while enjoying the scholarly, academic environment of an Ivy League university. With a speakers program and a cultural trip held in New York City, students interact with leaders in the field of politics, media, and international affairs and can choose from a variety of recreational activities organized by Summer School staff.

Why choose our program at Princeton?

JSA Summer School at Princeton offers students an incredible opportunity to become familiar with one of America's legendary Ivy League universities. Chartered in 1746, Princeton is the fourth-oldest college in the United States. It is one of the country's leading research universities and outstanding undergraduate colleges. In addition to the Ivy League environment, our summer program at Princeton includes special programs for AP History and Freshman JSA Scholars looking to attend their first JSA Summer School program. JSA Summer School at Princeton University allows students to explore the world of politics while being immersed in the heart of one of America's most storied universities.

Classes Offered at Princeton

- AP United States Government
- AP Macroeconomics
- Constitutional Law
- International Relations
- Speech & Political Communication
- AP United States History (specialized program)
- Freshman Scholars Program (specialized program)

"What I loved about Summer School was the hands-on learning experience. One day we were learning about the American Government and its relations with Pakistan, and the following day we were actually able to speak with the United States Ambassador to Pakistan at the United Nations."

Stephanie Ribet
Princeton Summer School Graduate
Specialized Programs at Princeton

AP U.S. History
Offered at Princeton University
APUSH July 1 - July 29, 2012

Learn about United States history on the fourth oldest college campus in the country. Students take AP United States History, equal to a full year, two semester course. The AP U.S. History class provides students with both the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to explore problems and issues of U.S. history. You learn to analyze historical documents to make informed interpretations of history.

Students attend the U.S. History class in the morning and afternoon, allowing for a variety of hands-on learning activities. This course prepares students for the Advanced Placement Examination in U.S. History administered in May by the College Board.

Discover the places where history took place: Students will have special cultural and historic trips to New York City and Philadelphia to explore the places where history happened. These are designed to create an interactive learning environment that supplements and enhances what students learn in the classroom. View the Liberty Bell on the same day you read and discuss the Declaration of Independence; tour Ellis Island to learn first hand about U.S. immigration policies.

Freshman Scholars
Offered At Princeton University
July 8 - July 29, 2012

With a smaller student body, the Freshman Scholars program is designed for students entering the ninth grade in the fall of 2012. This program fosters a close-knit, supportive and intellectual environment for the exploration of political leadership. This program brings together academically talented students from across the country who are looking for a challenging and enriching summer experience.

The curriculum includes AP U.S. Government and Leadership. The courses follow a highly participatory curriculum that incorporates Congressional Workshop debates into the classroom experience. Small class sizes ensure that students and faculty interact closely to improve student achievement. Students have daily structured study time and special interactive learning opportunities designed to enhance the curriculum. Applicants expected high school graduation year should be 2016.
JSA Diplomat Program at

Capital Normal University

Beijing, China
June 27 - July 22, 2012

A worldly experience

Each summer, young leaders from across the world travel to Beijing, China, to learn about modern China and the art of diplomacy. Hosted on the campus of one of China’s premier Universities, the JSA Diplomat program aims to provide America’s future leaders with the skills to represent their country effectively on global issues. During the month-long session, students can earn college credit in courses in Chinese history and language. They also develop leadership skills through interactions with Chinese and American officials on political, economic and social issues.

Why choose the JSA Diplomat Program?

Students attending the Beijing program will gain unparalleled experience in the area of international political and cultural relations. There is perhaps no more important relationship in 21st century world politics than that between the U.S. and China. Students will gain a first-hand in-depth look at the world’s most dynamic economy, the political changes that have enabled China’s economic growth and the accompanying cultural shifts that have resulted. The JSA Diplomat Program in Beijing allows students to observe and study a society engaged in massive transformation, and to analyze and interpret its significance to the future of America and the world.

Classes Offered at Capital Normal University

• Basic Chinese Language & Culture
• Modern Chinese History & Government
  Since 1920
PLUS exciting cultural excursions include:
• The Great Wall
• The Forbidden City
• Terracotta Warriors of Xian

"The JSA Diplomat Program in Beijing totally transformed my view of the world. I will be forever grateful for the inspiration, friendship, and cultural understanding I gained in China. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Nora Laberee
JSA Diplomate Program graduate
Curriculum Overview
Summer School students at Georgetown, Princeton and Stanford enroll in one college-level course. All courses include the Congressional Workshop debate practicum as part of the curriculum. At the JSA Diplomat program in Beijing, students enroll in two college-level courses – one in Modern Chinese History & Government and the other in Basic Chinese Language & Culture. Due to the intensity of the Speakers Program in Washington D.C., students attending the Summer School at Georgetown must be self-disciplined, academically advanced and have prior experience writing term papers.

Course Requirements
JSA Summer School courses are intensive and demanding. Classes on all campuses meet six days a week, Monday through Saturday. At Princeton and Stanford, each course meets for a total of 85 hours. AP U.S. History at Princeton meets for 160 hours. At Georgetown, class meets for 100 hours, including time spent meeting and questioning officials during the Speakers Program. Students at the JSA Diplomat program will be in class for a total of 75 hours.

Each Summer School course is equivalent to a one-semester, high school honors or AP course, except AP U.S. History, which is a two-semester high school course. U.S. Government, for example, is designed as a one-semester Advanced Placement course. Required Government and History assignments include two essay examinations and a 12-15 page research paper. Research is supervised by the faculty and requires extensive use of library facilities. Assignments in the Speech and Political Communications course include submitting outlines for each prepared speech along with citing researched sources. Faculty provide feedback through both written and oral critiques. Following each session, Summer School transcripts are sent to the graduates and, only at their request, to their high schools.

An important note about Academic Credit
If you are interested in receiving high school credit for JSA Summer School classes, please speak to the appropriate officials at your school prior to the summer. Policies regarding credit vary among school districts. Find out whether your school will accept course credits from the JSA Summer School. Note that our AP courses (U.S. Government, U.S. History, and Economics) also prepare you for the Advanced Placement exams given each spring. With a satisfactory score on the AP exam (taken in May 2013), many universities award college credit. Capital Normal University awards college credit for the courses taken at the JSA Diplomat Program.

Advanced Placement Courses
Several courses have been authorized by the College Board to be designated as AP level courses. This is an official recognition by the College Board that these courses meet or exceed the expectations colleges and universities have for your AP subject. AP authorization is only available for courses which the College Board offers an AP Exam. These courses are AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP U.S. History, and AP Macroeconomics.
2012 Presidential Election Symposia at the Republican & Democratic National Conventions

The 2012 Presidential Election Symposia will put you in the center of this year’s “Road to the White House.” Each Symposium takes place during a National Party Convention and brings together outstanding students, prominent political leaders, and a unique bipartisan format of educational activities that will challenge you to hone your leadership and speaking skills. This year’s Presidential election will be hotly contested and you can experience first-hand the excitement of this important time in our nation’s history.

At the Republican National Convention Symposium in Tampa and the Democratic National Convention Symposium in Charlotte you get to experience politics in a whole new way.

• Meet and question Members of Congress, campaign leaders, convention delegates, journalists and political activists during a bipartisan Speakers Program that includes guests from both major parties as well as non-partisan experts.

• Attend on-site and off-site convention events, including state delegation meetings and youth caucus activities.

• Get a glimpse behind the scenes of Election 2012, through visits to press centers and campaign headquarters.

• Learn the building blocks of a successful campaign, including workshops on political communication and campaign leadership.

• Debate major policy issues and make friends with student leaders from across the country.
Studying textbooks, surfing online and watching the news about the 2012 presidential campaigns cannot compare with meeting and questioning the leaders who are shaping our political history.

During each Symposium, the convention will be your classroom. You will attend Q & A sessions with Party officials, Members of Congress and other “super delegates,” journalists, powerful lobbyists, interest group activists, and “all-knowing” pollsters. As a nonpartisan organization, JSA will make special efforts to include Democratic and Republican speakers during each Symposium.

Throughout the week, our faculty will provide academic context and “color commentary” to help you digest and analyze the convention experience. Evening activities will include small group discussions, student debates and simulations that put you in the campaign driver’s seat.

“Nothing can compare with the excitement of being at one of the major party nominating conventions. For anyone interested in presidential politics, this is like having a front row seat at the Olympics. The opportunity to meet with and question the leaders of each political party is just outstanding.”

Larry Guillemette, Chief Academic Officer
The Junior Statesmen Foundation

This summer you can be at the center of the Presidential election excitement. Attend the Republican or Democratic National Conventions!

Republican National Convention Symposium
Aug. 26 - Aug. 31, 2012 • Tampa, FL

Democratic National Convention Symposium
Sep. 2 - Sep. 7, 2012 • Charlotte, NC

You won't just learn about politics, you'll live it!

Wondering what exactly happens at a Convention Symposium? Here's a sample agenda.

Sunday. An evening orientation introduces electoral politics and the major themes of the week. Tonight, and throughout the session, you will get to know other student leaders and the faculty through small group discussions and hands-on activities.

Monday. Learn about convention history with an exclusive presentation by noted presidential historians. Attend a media panel with journalists from major networks, print media and the blogosphere.

Tuesday. Visits with State Delegations and other groups attending the convention. Attend workshops with journalists, Internet bloggers and spin-doctors.

Wednesday. Meet and question speakers regarding the Party's outreach to youth, minorities, women and independent voters. Attend student-run debates on the "hot" policy topics of Election 2012.

Thursday. Attend seminars on party platforms and campaign strategy with Members of Congress, party officials, campaign staff, interest group leaders and delegates. Watch the major convention addresses.

Friday. Student speakers and a farewell address highlight your final session at the Symposium.

Students may choose to attend one or both of the week-long Election Symposia. For more information visit www.jsa.org/summer.
Summer Institutes

Explore today's pressing policy challenges with the decision makers who are shaping the future at these 3 or 4 day political Institute programs. Gain the knowledge and skills to make a difference with the issues that affect you the most. JSA Institutes create an interactive learning environment with elected officials, policy makers, business leaders, journalists, lobbyists and others. You'll gain an understanding of how government works and learn how you can get involved all while sharing opinions and solutions with other high school students during experiential activities. For more information and dates of each Institute, visit www.jsa.org/summer.

Arizona Institute on Leadership & Politics
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Learn about the challenges facing Arizona political leaders and meet the people who can affect change. Topics to be explored include:
- Arizona in Crisis: How Do We Balance the Budget?
- Immigration and Its Impact
- Political Discourse and Politics
- Guns, Drugs and the Border
- Arizona Schools: A Report Card
- The 14th Amendment

California Institute on Leadership & Politics
UC Davis, Davis, CA
Learn about the challenges facing California political leaders and meet important decision makers in the state. Topics to be explored include:
- California in Crisis: Balancing the Budget
- Immigration and Its Impact
- The New Politics of Energy and the Environment
- Education in the Golden State: A Report Card
- The Governor, The Legislature and Special Interest Groups – Who is really in charge?
- Crime and Punishment in California

Texas Institute on Politics & Presidential Leadership
University of Texas, Austin, TX
The Texas Institute is a fast-paced, four day exploration of Texas politics and the American Presidency. Here is your chance to interact with political movers and shakers at the national, state and local levels. Topics to be explored include:
- The Texas Budget and its Impact on Public Education
- Statesmanship in the Statehouse - Texas' Political Elite and Powerbrokers
- Tackling the Need for Immigration Reform
- Teachers Unions: Protecting Educators or Blocking Needed Reforms
- A look at the 2012 Presidential Race

Northeast Institute on Leadership & National Security
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
This exciting program examines issues of leadership and national security and the policies that surround them. Students will have the opportunity to hear from and question top experts in the field and debate and discuss these critical issues. Topics to be explored include:
- Cyber Security – Defending the Nation Online
- Nuclear Proliferation – Safeguards for Loose Nukes
- Safety of our Sea Ports and Airports
- Individual Liberties vs National Security
- Addressing global threats to the USA

Gene Burd Institute on LA Media & Politics
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
The problems and opportunities facing greater Los Angeles are part of the focus of this five-day exploration of Southern California politics. Topics to be explored include:
- Political Leadership in a Multicultural Society
- Is the LA School System Providing a Quality Education for All Students?
- Old and New Media in LA
- County Government and Regional Issues: Health Care, Transportation, Public Safety and Immigration
How Do I Apply?

Who is eligible to attend JSA Summer Programs?
Any outstanding high school student may apply to JSA Summer Programs. Current 8th graders (high school graduation year of 2016) are eligible for the Freshman Scholars Program at Princeton. U.S. citizenship is not required for admission. However, excellent command of the English language, both written and oral, is necessary.

What are my chances of being accepted?
Admission to the Summer School is competitive. Decisions are based on academic achievement, leadership ability, maturity, and interest in politics. For Summer School applicants, the Admissions Committee is especially interested in students who have performed well in their high school English and social studies classes. If you do not gain admission to your first choice campus, the Admissions Committee may accept you for one of our other sessions or defer your enrollment for one year.

If you have any questions regarding your qualifications or the application process, please contact us at 800-334-5353 (California office) or 800-317-9338 (Washington, DC office), or e-mail jsa@jsa.org.

Summer School at Georgetown, Princeton & Stanford
- Who is Eligible
  - Any high school student graduating in 2013 or later (no current seniors)

Diplomat Program in Beijing, China
- Who is Eligible
  - Any high school student graduating in 2012 or later (current seniors welcome)

2012 Presidential Election Symposia
- Who is Eligible
  - Any high school student graduating in 2012 or later (current seniors welcome)

Summer Institutes
- Who is Eligible
  - Any high school student graduating in 2013 or later (no current seniors)

Application Requirements
- Diplomat Program also requires phone interview with JSA Representative (JSA will contact you to schedule)

How to Submit
1. Complete the Student Application Form and essay online or mail to our offices.
2. Have your high school mail or fax your transcript to:
   - Admissions Office JSA Summer School 1800 K St, NW Ste. 803 Washington, DC 20006 Fax: (202) 296-7839
   - (For admission to Georgetown/Princeton)
   - Admissions Office JSA Summer School 800 S Claremont, Ste. 202 San Mateo, CA 94402 Fax: (650) 347-7200
   - (For admission to Stanford/Diplomat Program)
3. Your teacher can complete their recommendation online or you may download the form from our website and have them mail it.

Application Deadlines
- Diplomat Program in Beijing, China: March 15, 2012
- 2012 Presidential Election Symposia: April 1, 2012
- Summer Institutes: see www.jsa.org/summer

Getting started is easy! Go to the link shown here and begin by signing up for a MyJSA Account. After you receive your confirmation email, return to the link shown here and log in using your user name and password. Go to the "MyJSA" tab and click the "Start a New Application" link for the program you would like to apply to (listed on the right hand side of the screen). Complete each tab of the online application and don't forget to mail your transcript and recommendation if required for the program you're applying to.
## JSA Summer Program Dates & Tuition

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### What's Covered by the Tuition

The tuition for JSA Summer Programs includes the tuition for the program, textbooks and all other academic expenses, along with room and board for the student. During Summer School, students live on single sex floors in university student residences, generally two to a room. Meals are eaten in university dining rooms. Faculty and college-age residents live on campus with students, providing academic counseling and supervision 24 hours a day.

### Additional Expenses

Expenses not included in tuition are off-campus meals and entertainment, and transportation to and from the Summer School. However, staff members will be available at nearby airports to help transport students to campus. We also assist graduates in returning to the airport at the end of the summer session. When attending off-campus speakers programs and optional cultural excursions, students are responsible for their meals and any tickets they might purchase for plays, museums, etc. Georgetown students spend six days off campus, while students at our other sessions typically spend 1-3 days off-campus.
We Can Help With Financial Aid

Partial Scholarships are available
The Junior Statesmen Foundation administers Summer School Scholarship Funds of more than $750,000 to assist students who find the tuition to be a barrier. These funds were donated by Summer School alumni, businesses, government institutions, and philanthropic foundations. A Scholarship Committee annually awards partial scholarships from these funds using the following criteria: financial need, academic excellence, demonstrated leadership ability and evidence that an applicant is highly motivated to attend. Scholarships are available for the summer school sessions at Georgetown, Princeton and Stanford.*

Because the demand for scholarships is so great, and because of its commitment to help as many students as possible, the Scholarship Committee awards only partial scholarships.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

1. Apply for admission to JSA Summer School.
2. Apply for a Junior Statesmen scholarship. The Scholarship Application Form can be downloaded from www.jsa.org/summer or you may request one by contacting our offices at (800) 334-5353 or emailing jsa@jsa.org.

Support for Fundraising
We encourage students who need large scholarships to apply for a Junior Statesmen Scholarship as well as raise funds in their local community. Many service clubs, community organizations and school sources are able to provide scholarships to students in their area. School administrators, teachers, and The Junior Statesmen Foundation staff often are able to help arrange these scholarships.

We recognize the challenge of local fundraising and offer substantial help to students who try to raise funds locally. With the help of our step-by-step Fundraising Manual, combined with the personal assistance offered by our friendly and experienced staff, a majority of students cover their full tuition by combining a Junior Statesmen Scholarship with family funds and locally raised scholarships.

JSF Fundraising Academy. We will be hosting a series of training sessions via conference call and the web to help you plan, organize and conduct a successful community fundraising effort. With decades of experience in local fundraising, our staff can also provide you with individual assistance in raising funds. Sign-ups for the JSF Fundraising Academy will begin in December and training sessions will start in January of 2012.

Most Summer School students pay their tuition with funds from a combination of sources including local scholarships, family funds and JSF scholarships. If you start now and follow the directions in the Fundraising Manual, you should succeed in your fundraising efforts.

* International students are not eligible to receive scholarship funds.

How I Paid For Summer School

"When I saw the tuition, I had doubts. I was really skeptical and when I went to my parents to see what they thought, my dad said if you raise the money then you can go. I went on a serious letter writing campaign. The fundraising website that JSA helped me set up changed my life, it is the best thing ever. Every student who wants to go to a JSA summer school needs to get a fundraising website because that really helped me a lot. I wrote countless letters to many organizations, and I can tell you that lots of organizations like to know that the next generation is doing something with themselves. I was able to raise every single penny for the tuition through a scholarship from JSA and fundraising."

Marissa Evans, JSA Summer School Graduate
Current Journalism Major, Marquette University
About JSA - 75 Years of Leadership

Be the People
Government “by the people, for the people” requires the informed and engaged participation of its citizens. More than just learning about the issues and forming opinions, people in a healthy democracy get involved and take action. JSA does more than educate students and train them to speak out. JSA challenges students to “be the people” who are actively engaged in making their communities, states and the world a better place. In addition to the Summer School, JSA sponsors Summer Institutes on politics and current issues as well as school year conventions and conferences. The largest student-run organization in the nation, JSA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization providing a one-of-a-kind forum for politics and debate. Founded over 75 years ago by high school students, the JSA program today has had over 500,000 participants from across the country and the world.

JSA Chapters
Students participate in Junior State by joining or founding a chapter at their high schools. Typical chapter activities include student debates on controversial issues, bipartisan speakers programs, mock trials, candidate nights, voter registration drives and school-wide assemblies on campus issues. JSA chapters are the center of political activity and awareness in their schools.

State Wide Conventions
Active chapters attend one-day and overnight weekend conventions in cities across America. JSA conventions feature student debates, informal discussions, simulations and keynote addresses by prominent public figures. Student leaders, elected by their peers, run every aspect of JSA conventions, from inviting guest speakers to conducting debates. Highlighting the JSA calendar are conventions held each February in Washington, DC. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2011-2012.

Who sponsors JSA programs?
The JSA Summer Schools, summer institutes, 2012 Presidential Election Symposium and The Junior State of America are sponsored by The Junior Statesmen Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) educational foundation. The Foundation is guided by a distinguished Board of Directors composed of political leaders from both major parties, educators, attorneys, business leaders and other civic minded individuals who share the goals of the organization. Foundation Trustees are responsible for the management of the program, raising funds and providing educational guidance.

To learn more about the Junior State of America, call The Junior Statesmen Foundation 800-334-5353 (California office) or 800-317-9338 (Washington, D.C. office) or visit our website at www.jsa.org.

Notable JSA Alumni
JSA develops leadership skills and encourages high achievement. Here are just a few of our notable JSA alumni.

Leon Panetta, Secretary of Defense
Ed Meese, Former U.S. Attorney General
Mike McCurry, Press Secretary, Clinton Administration
Norm Mineta, Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce
Charles Schwab, Founder & Chairman, Charles Schwab Corp.
Tom Brady, Quarterback, New England Patriots
Michael Edelstein, President, International Television Production, NBC Universal
Timothy Ingrassia, Head of Mergers & Acquisitions, Goldman Sachs
Get Involved. Start a JSA Chapter At Your School.

In more than 500 high schools across the nation, JSA Chapters conduct student debates, stimulating discussions, candidate forums, speakers’ programs, and other non-partisan activities at their high schools to increase political understanding and promote political awareness among their peers. Junior State chapters are school-sponsored extracurricular clubs. They must have a teacher/advisor and at least eight members and follow the regulations of their high school. Junior State chapters hold regular meetings on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

Visit the Starting A Chapter section on our website at www.jsa.org for information on bringing JSA to your school.

“Summer School fosters an incredible sense of community that unites high school students over a common interest in politics and current events. I was able to bring back this amazing JSA spirit to my high school, which was an irreplaceable source of growth and inspiration for our JSA chapter.”

Julianna Joss
Georgetown Summer School Graduate
Be passionate. Be confident.
Be open-minded. Be tolerant.
Be informed. Be engaged.
JSA. Be the People.