

Get the JSA Summer School Advantage

Take the Next Step Apply Today!



Prepare for the Challenge of College Life

Surrounded by a diverse group of students who share your passion for politics and concern for national and world affairs, you'll be challenged by a rigorous academic curriculum in an encouraging and cooperative environment. You will live in a college dorm room, be taught and mentored by university professors, and develop a new sense of personal responsibility.



Create Life Long Friendships

Each summer, the students, faculty and resident assistants who participate in JSA Summer Schools create a unique and vibrant community, one where leadership and friendship, teaching and mentoring go hand in hand. Getting to know your peers is one of the most exciting and rewarding aspects of the JSA experience.



Build Leadership Skills

If politics is your passion and you aspire to a career in public service, JSA Summer School is an invaluable head start. The coursework 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.



Learn from Respected University Professors

The professors at JSA Summer Schools are recruited from universities around the nation and thrive on classroom teaching. Through lectures, class discussion, and group activities, you will explore the advanced subject matter that is critical for leadership in civic affairs. Experts in their field, professors live on campus and form close working relationships with students.



What people are saying about JSA Summer School...

"My closest group of friends were from neighboring islands, including Palau, America Samoa, and Pohnpei. The cultural diversity and academic rigor sparked an undiscovered curiosity, in which I gained a renewed sense of individualism and appreciation for politics."

*- Anne Wen
St. John's School, Guam
JSA Stanford*

"During my time at each summer school, I engaged in interactive classes, heated debates, and informative speaker's days. When I left after my last summer school in 2017, I challenged myself to accept the fact that I was leaving what had become home to me. The JSA Summer Program is a learning community that cultivates good citizens, great debaters, and has connected me with not only hyper intellectuals, but creative thinkers, passionate activists, and delegates from around the world."

*- Karlinna Sanchez
Samoana High School, American Samoa
JSA Georgetown, JSA Princeton, JSA Stanford*

"JSA has unequivocally changed my life. The program has taught me that there is nothing more important than a democracy than well-informed electorate. In order to be the people, we must be informed - and JSA made me appreciate government and inspired me to voice out my opinion in a logical way."

*- Thomas Lee A. Manglona II
Mt. Carmel High School, Saipan (CNMI)
JSA Stanford*

Speakers Program

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. 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
Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Mike McCurry
Sebastian Gorka
Edwin Meese III
Ari Fleisher
Newt Gingrich
Omarosa Manigault

United States Senators
Harry Reid
Kay Bailey Hutchinson
John McCain
Dianne Feinstein
Lisa Murkowski
Bernie Sanders
Scott Brown
Barbara Boxer
Dick Durbin
Tom Colburn
Robert Casey
Rob Portman
Ben Nelson

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

Other Recent Speakers
Bob Dole, former
Senator and Republican
Presidential Candidate

Katie Couric
Anthony Kennedy,
Supreme Court Justice
Sarah Brady, Handgun
Control, Inc.
Bill Bradley, former
Senator and Democratic
Presidential Candidate
Charles Bierbauer, CNN
Eleanor Clift, Newsweek
Brian Lamb, C-SPAN
Judy Woodruff, PBS

1. **Create a MyJSA account:** Your MyJSA account allow you to start, save, and continue your application online, at your convenience. Go to www.jsa.org to create your account.

If you already have a MyJSA account, go to step 2.

Students unable to apply online, please contact Ed Banayat, U.S. Territories Program Director at (650) 347-7668 or ebanayat@jsa.org for a paper application.

2. **Start your application:** Once logged into your MyJSA account, click the "Start New Summer School Application" link and provide the required information.

You can continue filling out the application or click the "Save for Later" link at the bottom of the application. If you save it for later, you will find your application under the "My Events" tab when you log in to your MyJSA account.

You must complete the "My Personal Data" tab and well complete all of the application requirements. Your application to be reviewed by the Admission Department of Interior Scholarship committees.

The online application will be available November 2017.

3. **Complete and submit both essays***

a. **Personal Essay:** In two paragraphs or less, please tell us about your extracurricular activities and any leadership positions you hold or have held. This personal essay helps us understand you as a person, a student aside from your grades.

b. **Analytical/Argumentative Essay:** In at least 500 words but no more than 750 words, write about a political issue that is important to you and present a convincing argument supporting or opposing the issue.

*Essays must be original work. When using academic sources, support arguments, sources must be cited or attributed.

4. **Teacher/Counselor Recommendation:** In the "Recommendation" tab, provide contact information for a counselor or teacher who will write a recommendation for you. The application will automatically send them an email with instructions for completing the recommendation. It is a good idea to follow-up with your counselor or teacher to make sure they received the recommendation email. If for some reason they did not receive the email, please have them contact Ed Banayat at ebanayat@jsa.org with recommendation instructions.

5. **Official High School Transcript:** Please have your school email the transcript to ebanayat@jsa.org to (650) 347-7200, attention: Mr. Ed Banayat.

Visit jsa.org/summer

The JSA Experience



JSA Summer Programs 2018

Programs for Outstanding High School Students



For the past 27 years, students from the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated states have attended the academically challenging civic engagement and leadership programs at the JSA Summer Schools. Courses such as AP US Government, AP Macroeconomics, Constitutional Law, International Relations, Media & Politics are some of the rigorous classes offered at JSA Summer Programs.

In addition to learning from respected professors at some of the most prestigious universities in the United States, students have the unique opportunity to learn from their peers from the U.S. Territories, and Freely Associated States, continental United States, and around the world. Students learn in an encouraging and cooperative environment through debates in Debate Workshop.

Many students from the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States have called their JSA Summer School experience the "most challenging, life changing, and enriching" experience of their high school academic careers. Lifelong friendships and life changing experiences have been achieved at JSA Summer Programs. JSA Summer Programs alumni from the JSA Summer Programs have impacted their own island communities through civic engagement, leadership and peer-to-peer education.



PRE-COLLEGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE LEADERS

- Unique Curriculum
- Elite Universities
- World Class Faculty
- Preparation for College
- Leadership Training
- Promoting Statesmanship
- Debate Current Issues
- Develop Public Speaking Skills
- Campus Life
- New Friends

"The other students are what made Summer School so special. I have never before been around people who were so consistently witty, insightful, curious and knowledgeable about world affairs."

*Andrew Pacelli
JSA Georgetown Summer School graduate*

