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Dear National JSHS Student Delegate,

On behalf of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force, we wish to congratulate you on your outstanding academic achievement! In recognition of your achievement in conducting an original research investigation, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 55th National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS), April 26-30, 2017, San Diego, California.

The 55th National JSHS will bring together 230 high school students who qualify for attendance through paper competitions held at JSHS regional symposia across the U.S. Puerto Rico, and DoD Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific. Adult leaders—high school teachers, university faculty, ranking military guests, and others—attend to encourage the future generation of scientists and engineers and to celebrate student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). A full program will be planned in cooperation with our tri-Service hosts and STEM researchers from DoD and the university research community from around the country. Please visit <http://www.jshs.org> for program highlights and scheduled activities. Participants can follow JSHS activities on Twitter @NtJSHS.

All regional symposia student finalists are invited to present their research at the 55th National JSHS. The top two regional delegates are invited to compete for military-sponsored scholarships by presenting their research in oral sessions held on Friday, April 28. All other regional delegates are invited to present their research in poster sessions held on Saturday, April 29. Sessions will be organized by disciplines that are designated by the students during the registration process (abstract and paper submission). All sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. *National JSHS Guidelines and Ground Rules for Student Presenters* as well as *National JSHS Guidelines for Poster Presenters* are published at <http://www.jshs.org>. (See Participation Guidelines tab).

Please RSVP to your JSHS regional director immediately following the conclusion of the regional symposium to accept or decline the invitation to attend the National JSHS. If you cannot attend, the trip will pass to the next alternate winner. After confirming attendance with the JSHS regional director, please register for the 55th National JSHS by **April 3, 2017** at <http://www.cvent.com/d/dvqc2x/1Q>

Attached is a review of *National JSHS Registration Requirements*.



Personal data is requested in the registration process to confirm airline reservations and to accommodate your meal preferences, travel reservations and other participation details. Each student's abstract will also be published in the *National JSHS Abstracts of the Research Finalists* and distributed to all symposium attendees.

As part of the registration process, all students should be prepared to electronically submit:

- 1) A 200-word abstract for publication in the *National JSHS Abstracts of the Research Finalists*
- 2) The National JSHS consent form, requiring the electronic signature of your parent/guardian (if under age 18), or your signature (if 18)
- 3) Statement on outside assistance; and
- 4) for oral presenters--a research paper.

Travel arrangements will be coordinated with the National JSHS Office by the JSHS regional director. Travel will be planned for the JSHS regional delegation to travel together as a group or to meet enroute. Upon arrival in San Diego, JSHS participants will be met and transported to the Hyatt Regency La Jolla.

Hotel accommodations will be reserved for student delegates and official regional chaperones by the National JSHS Office at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. Other adult guests who are student family members, teachers or mentors are asked to register **by April 3, 2017** at <http://www.cvent.com/d/dvqc2x/1Q>

Other adult guests are required to separately arrange for their travel and hotel accommodations and will be responsible for the cost of room, tax and incidentals. A room block has been reserved at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. The single room rate is \$153.00/night plus applicable sales tax. All reservations must be made, modified or canceled individually through the Hyatt's Reservation Department by 5:00 p.m., April 3, 2017. Adult guests may access the web-based registration system prior to April 3 at below URL, or call 888-421-1442. <https://aws.passkey.com/go/JuniorSci2017>

Your airline ticket and final details for your participation in the 55th National JSHS will be forwarded to you after all registration requests are confirmed. Registration packets, name badges, and tour schedules will be distributed at the National symposium.

The program dress for the National JSHS is business attire. For the oral and paper sessions, attendees typically dress more professionally. Suitable business attire for adults and students includes a collared shirt, with optional jacket or sweater, and pants for men; blouses with pants or skirt, or comparable dresses, for women. Jeans are not acceptable. Closed toed shoes are required for the DoD laboratory tours for safety, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.





Please contact your regional JSHS symposium director or the National JSHS Office, if we can be of further assistance. Here is the contact information for the National JSHS Office:

Academy of Applied Science
24 Warren St., Concord, NH 03301
Tel. 603-228-4520 FAX 603-228-4730

1. For registration questions, please contact Tina White, twhite@jshs.org, or Pamela Hampton, phampton@aas-world.org.
2. For airline reservations, please contact Sandy Delude, Penny Pitou Travel, Tel. (603) 856-7362 or email: Sandy@pennypitoutravel.com.
3. For all other questions, to include programming, judging and student paper submission, please contact me, cousens@jshs.org.

We look forward to your participation in the 55th National JSHS!

Sincerely,

Doris Ellis Cousens
Director, National JSHS

Attachments:
National JSHS Registration Requirements
National JSHS Consent Form





National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium
San Diego, California, April 26-30, 2017

REGISTRATION OVERVIEW – STUDENT DELEGATIONS

Congratulations on your outstanding achievements in STEM. We look forward to your participation in the 55th National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS). All participants are required to register to attend at <http://www.cvent.com/d/dvqc2x/1Q>

Please also RSVP to your JSHS Regional Director within 5 days to accept or decline the invitation to attend the 55th National JSHS. In the interest of safety, continuity and maximizing the educational value of the National JSHS experience, students are required to participate in all National JSHS events and activities. If students and adult volunteers have any conflicts, they must decide within 5 days of the regional symposium competition whether to attend the National JSHS or the conflicting activity. The National JSHS Office requests that regions pass the invitation to the National JSHS to the next alternate if a student cannot fully participate in the symposium.

Attachments:

- Invitation to the 55th National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium
- Consent Form

Registration. Please be prepared to complete the following at the National JSHS registration site:

- Enter personal, demographic and assessment data; confirm airline reservations; indicate meal preferences, travel preferences and other participation details.
- Submit a consent form, requiring the signature of your parent/guardian (if 17 years of age or younger) or your signature (if 18 years of age or older).
- All students submit an abstract about the research you conducted and presented at your regional JSHS. Upon completion of your registration, you will receive a link to the Abstract submission site. Abstracts are due on April 1.
- All oral and poster presenters submit a Statement on Outside Assistance. This form may be downloaded from the abstract submission site.
- All oral presenters submit a research paper which complies with the National JSHS Guidelines and Ground Rules for Student Research Paper Presentations found at www.jshs.org. All papers are due by April 1.



Travel and airline reservations.

At registration students submit personal information required by the airlines, including date of birth, gender and legal name as it appears on the Government identification presented at the time of travel.

Once students complete their registration, travel reservations will be coordinated with the student and Official Regional Chaperone who will be traveling with the regional delegation by the National JSHS Office. All travel is planned for the regional delegation to travel to San Diego as a group.

Non-refundable airline tickets are purchased. All participants are requested to review any conflicts and commit to full attendance in the National JSHS prior to completing registration. Should a student cancel participation after an airline ticket is issued, the student's abstract will be removed from the abstract publication.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN: CONSENT, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS)
April 26-30, 2017, San Diego

Please read completely and carefully before signing.

Student name _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent/guardian: _____ [Name]

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Sponsoring teacher/chaperone: _____ [Name]

_____ [Organization, city, state]

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Section I – Consent for participation in JSHS

I certify that I am:

the Parent or Legal Guardian of the minor child who has been selected to participate in the National JSHS Program and provide consent for my minor child's participation in JSHS. – or --

JSHS Student participant who is age 18 or over.

1. I understand that the program organizers and sponsors of JSHS have established rules and codes of conduct for participating students. I understand and agree that a designated representative of JSHS has the right to dismiss a student from the JSHS Program due to violating the rules and codes of conduct or due to other disruption of

the program. Such disruption may include but is not limited to verbal and physical aggression against staff or other participants, failure to follow safety or program instructions, and any other disruptive behavior. I agree that dismissal from the JSHS may result in additional transportation costs for which I am responsible, or for potential forfeiture of scholarship monies.

2. I understand that transportation to the National JSHS site and activities will be coordinated by the Academy of Applied Science and their representatives on behalf of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force. I understand and agree to accept any risks involved with transportation by air, train, bus or other public transportation for the duration of the National JSHS.
3. I understand that participation in JSHS requires full participation in all aspects of the program. I understand and agree that any deviation in schedule or transportation requires coordination with the Academy of Applied Science and a written request authorizing alternative travel plans or early or late departure from the symposium. I agree to accept full responsibility and liability for alternate travel arrangements.
4. If any illness, injury, or accident occurs, which, in the sole judgment of JSHS staff, requires immediate medical attention, I give consent for any member of the JSHS staff to obtain such emergency treatment. I further consent to the signing of any releases by program staff, which may be required by a medical care provider. I understand that in the event of an emergency medical situation I will be notified as soon as possible. I also agree to provide JSHS staff with emergency contact numbers.

Please list any medical problems or food allergies in the event that your son/daughter should require emergency medical care:

Medical insurance information for payment of emergency medical care

Medical insurance provider

Policy #

Policy holder

Relationship of policy holder to student

5. I understand and agree that the cost of any medical care deemed necessary for the treatment of any emergency illness, injury or accident occurring while attending National JSHS is my responsibility. I understand that the JSHS, the Academy of Applied Science as administering organization, and the tri-Service JSHS sponsors, their members individually and their officers, agents and employees are not obligated to pay for such medical care.
 6. For the sole consideration of the JSHS organization, I hereby release and forever discharge the JSHS, the Academy of Applied Science as administering organization, and the tri-Service JSHS sponsors, their members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind that I may have either arising from or by reason of any personal injury or property damage resulting from or in any way connected with my child's participation in the JSHS program.
- [] Yes, I have reviewed the section, "Consent for Participation in JSHS," and provide my consent for participation in JSHS.



Section 2 -- Consent and Release to use Film, Photographs, or Other Materials

I understand that film, photographs or other materials are utilized by JSHS staff and sponsors to promote the program, to create awareness among high schools nationwide, to recognize students' achievement in the general media, and to inform key stakeholders of program success.

This is to confirm that I hereby authorize the JSHS staff and sponsors and designated representatives to make use of any photographs, film, video, or other materials of:

- myself, or
- of my minor child

where such film, photograph or other materials has been taken by an officer or appointed agent of the JSHS.

Accept Section 2 Do not accept Section 2

Section 3 – Participant Directory

I understand that directory information, including name, name of high school, and year in school, may be released in National JSHS publications, including published abstracts of National JSHS participants, individual press releases, or other conference-related materials. It is understood that personal contact information will not be published without further consent.

This is to confirm that I hereby authorize the JSHS sponsors and designated representatives to publish directory information of:

- myself, or
- of my minor child

where such materials have been taken by an officer or appointed agent of the JSHS.

Accept Section 3 Do not accept Section 3

Section 4 - Affirmation of rules of conduct at JSHS, Student participants

1. I understand that the military has sponsored my participation in the National JSHS due to my interests and achievements in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics. Accordingly, I pledge to fully participate in all symposium activities.
 2. I understand that I am representing my state and/or regional symposium as a delegate to the National symposium. I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will contribute to a sense of community among participants and foster an atmosphere of mutual respect for peer group members, contributing researchers from host organizations, my chaperone, and hotel and other staff.
 3. I will not depart the symposium site without consent from my chaperone and a designated representative of the Academy of Applied Science.
 4. I understand that the use of alcoholic beverages, or other substances that are generally regarded to be detrimental or illegal, will not be tolerated at the National JSHS. Use or possession will result in immediate dismissal from the symposium and return home at my parents' expense.
 5. I understand that in-house curfew is 11 p.m.
 6. I understand that visitation between delegates rooms after curfew is strictly prohibited unless approved by my chaperone for a specific purpose.
 7. I understand that an infraction/breach of the above policies may result in immediate dismissal from the symposium, return home at my own personal expense or my parents' expense, and forfeiture of my scholarship awards. The decision for disciplinary action is at the sole discretion of the Academy of Applied Science.
- [] Yes, I have reviewed Section 4, Affirmation of rules of conduct at JSHS, and agree to abide by the rules of conduct at JSHS



Signatures:

This confirms that I have read, understand and agree with the JSHS participation requirements as presented in this document.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Printed)	Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
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Name of JSHS Student Delegate	Signature of JSHS Student Delegate
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Date signed:	Date signed:
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**Return this completed form to:
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