

How well is your Girls or Boys State Program prepared for the 21st Century student?

Would you benefit from engagement with other programs?

Are your citizens worth it?



The demand for the participation of high-achieving high school students in summer programs continues to increase. High quality summer programs that offer individual development, prestige, and personal gain often succeed over those that do not. Other important factors include parental and student "buy-in", costs, and marketing. Girls and Boys State programs have traditionally responded to each of the aforementioned factors which can explain their successes over time. However, additional methods may be needed to compete for the very best students next year and for years to come.

"I really did enjoy this class. Participating in a college level course was a great experience for me as a high school senior..."



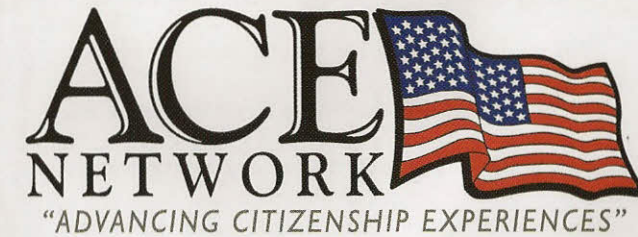
The ACE Network is comprised of Girls and Boys Staters for Girls and Boys Staters.

The Directors and Board of Advisors represent over 500 years of service to the Girls and Boys State Programs.



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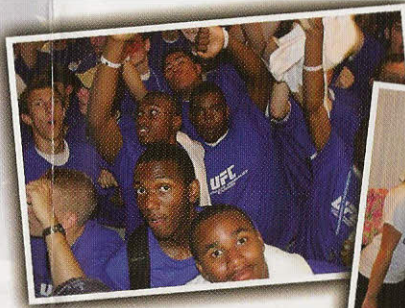
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An Organization by Girls and Boys Staters for Girls and Boys Staters

ACE NETWORK

"ADVANCING CITIZENSHIP EXPERIENCES"



"This was a **great class**. I feel it has **greatly improved** my understanding **of government** function and development."

The **ACE Network** has been created to address the contemporary challenges faced by each state program. The purpose of the organization is to enhance program components and to assist individual state programs in attracting the very best students to choose Girls and Boys State programs among their summer opportunities. The **ACE Network** is a collection of state programs that share experiences and implement proven methods for increasing program quality, generating revenue, and providing academic credit.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- College Course
- Reflective Activities and Program Evaluation
- Imbedded Service
- Program and Citizen Mentoring
- Age-Appropriate Merchandising
- Revenue Generation

CITIZEN BENEFITS

- ✓ College Credits
- ✓ Service Learning opportunities
- ✓ Enhanced scholarship potential
- ✓ Mentoring

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Increased Engagement of Citizens
- ✓ "Buy in" from parents, schools, and stakeholders
- ✓ Enhanced competitiveness among summer programs
- ✓ Program feedback
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Easy implementation

JOIN TODAY!

Joining the ACE Network is free for each state program. The benefits from joining this organization can result in:

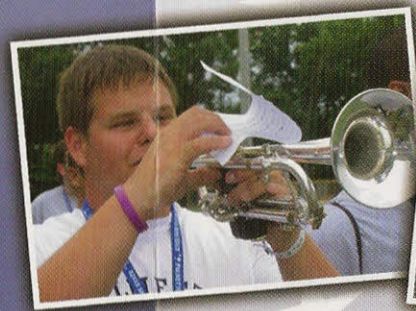
- ✓ Increased engagement of your citizens
- ✓ Enhanced revenue generation
- ✓ Heightened program sustainability

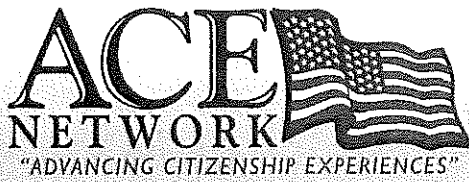
In addition, the components can be easily implemented into your existing program. The ACE Network has been created to make your work easier and more productive. The members of the ACE Network are eager to serve your state organization today.

Simply contact the organization for additional information or to get connected to the network today.

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"I loved writing the service learning plan because it allowed me to apply my experience at **Girls State** to my community."





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TO: Prospective Girls/Boys State Participants

RE: College Credit

How would you like to get a head start on your collegiate career while maximizing your experience at Girls/Boys State? Clemson University has partnered with The ACE Network and your state's Girls and Boys State programs to offer you college credit in conjunction with your participation this year. The course, titled *Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service (ED 190)*, is a three credit hour course which can be transferred as elective credit to any university that you choose to attend. Understandably, accepted credit is a decision ultimately made by each specific institution. The ACE Network was founded by Girls State and Boys State programs throughout the nation simply to accomplish its namesake purpose to "Advance Citizenship Experiences" of Girls and Boys State participants in every state. This affordable and quality college course is one of the key proud accomplishments for this organization. Over 500 rising high school seniors just like you have taken advantage of this opportunity in the last two years. It is solely offered to Girls and Boys State "citizens."

Clemson University has continued its climb among the nation's best public institutions by placing 22nd in the annual ranking by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. As part of this partnership, Clemson University is offering the **3 credit course for only \$270**. This rate was negotiated down to less than one tenth of the current rate for nonresident students for a 3-hour undergraduate class (\$3,033) there. In order to meet the requirements of this course, you must fully participate in the Girls/Boys State Program as well as submit additional assignments as specified in the course procedures. Some of the course expectations and assignments will be completed during the session with other assignments to be sent electronically after you return home. Participation in the course will not detract from nor remove you from participation in any part of the program during the week. A course syllabus and other information can be found at the following link: www.ed190.com.

In order to register for the course, simply access the external website listed above. You may pay on-line using the secured *PayPal* feature. Or, you may submit your payment via check payable to ACE Network with the included registration form and mail it to:

**The ACE Network
PO BOX 2243
Greenville, SC 29602**

To participate in the college course, you must complete all course registrations and payments before or during Girls/Boys State registration. All coursework must be completed by July 24th and grades will be posted at the conclusion of the Summer II session (August 7, 2009).

If you or your parents have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact The ACE Network at the web site above or call us at **(864) 884-7988**. Whether or not you choose to enroll in the course, I know that your week at Girls/Boys State will be most rewarding.

Sincerely,

David S. Fleming, Ph.D

COMPLETE ITEMS #1-8 AND 19A-21 AND MAIL TO;



ACE NETWORK

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

105 Sikes Hall, Box 345124
Clemson, South Carolina 29634-5124
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PLEASE
DO NOT
WRITE IN
THIS SPACE

Application for Special Admission

Special Student Status **3 CREDITS \$ 270.00**

The special student classification is designed for students not interested in pursuing a degree at Clemson University. A maximum of 18 total credit hours is allowed either in a single semester or cumulatively over several semesters or summer sessions. None of the usual credentials supporting an application are required. Your application will be processed within 5-10 working days. It is not necessary to reapply for special student status if you enroll in concurrent semesters. Do not confuse part-time enrollment with enrollment as a special student. Apply for regular admission unless you desire to take a cumulative total of no more than 18 credit hours.

Applicants who have been denied regular admission to Clemson are not eligible to apply as special students.

You are considered a *transient student* if you are currently attending another institution and wish to transfer the credit back to that institution. Transient applications for Maymester and Summer Sessions I & II are available in the Registrar's Office in 102 Sikes Hall. You should apply as a *special student* if you plan to attend Clemson in the fall or spring semester.

Action _____

Acceptance _____

Send letter _____

yes _____

no _____

Misc _____

Status _____

Sex _____

Birth _____

EO _____

Entr Date _____

Country _____

State _____

County _____

Resid _____

(First)

(Middle)

Date _____

1. Last name First name Middle/maiden
(Please also print name in right margin.)

2. Name by which I am usually known 3. Sex: Male Female

4. Social Security number (required) 5. Date of birth

6. Ethnic origin: Are you Hispanic or Latino? yes no
What is your race? Regardless of your answer to question above, please mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be. White Black or African American Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

7. Mailing Address (PO Box, RFD, Street) Email Address

City State ZIP County

8. Home telephone (area code and number) Business telephone (area code and number)

9. I am participating in the following special program of study: Summer Scholar Study Abroad
(check only if applicable) other **BOYS STATE (ACERS)**
(specify)

10. I wish to begin my studies at Clemson during Fall Summer Session I
 Spring Maymester Summer Session II

11. I am currently enrolled at _____

12. I am presently employed by Clemson University. yes no
If yes, specify department _____ campus phone number _____

13. I have have not applied for regular admission to Clemson. If yes, give dates _____

14. I have have not enrolled previously at Clemson. Give date of last enrollment _____

15. I have applied for admission to the graduate school at Clemson University. yes no

16. I plan to enroll in the following course(s): _____

17. I wish to take these courses in order to meet the requirements for Graduate School admission. yes no

18. In the future, I plan to apply for regular admission yes no

19A. I am a: U.S. citizen Legal Permanent Resident of the United States
 Other (List country of citizenship and current immigration status if in the United States): _____

19B. If a U.S. permanent resident, attach a copy of your alien registration card and give alien registration number: _____
alien registration number

20. I am am not a South Carolina resident.

21. (FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS ONLY) I have lived continuously in South Carolina since birth or since _____
Month/Year