Philadelphia Public Schools’ Board of Education Non-Voting Student Representative Application Process 2024 - 2025

Qualifications for Application
1. Student applicants to the Board of Education must be a current resident of the City of Philadelphia and attend a Philadelphia public school (District or charter).
2. Student applicants must be in the 10th or 11th grade during their term as a student representative.
3. Student applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher, and in good standing.
4. Student applicants must be actively involved in their school community and willing to work to support Philadelphia’s public schools, on behalf of their peers, on a regular basis.
5. Student applicants must be willing to represent their peers by communicating student opinions to the School Board, and reporting Board deliberations and actions to the student body.
6. The student representative must be available to meet with the School Board on a monthly basis, to communicate the concerns of their peers, and make an effort to be at every public meeting.
7. Student applicants must demonstrate an ability and willingness to work collaboratively with their counterpart in pursuit of successfully carrying out the work of Student Representatives.

Application Process
1. Applicants must submit a completed application to studentleaders@philasd.org
2. All applications must be submitted with a current school transcript. All applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 PM, on April 2, 2024.
3. Applicants must obtain an approval signature from a parent/guardian.
4. Applicants must submit two reference letters; at least one of these references must come from a current teacher or administrator.
5. Selected applicants will be interviewed by a committee that is made up of leaders from the Office of Student Support Services, Charter Schools, Mayor’s Office, youth advocates, as well as, youth from a district school, charter school, and Board of Education Student Board Reps. The committee will nominate 2 student representatives and 1 alternate student to the School Board for approval.
Applicant Information

Date: ______________________

Full Name: ____________________________

Last          First          M.I.

Address: ____________________________________________

Street Address                               Apartment/Unit #

City                        State                        ZIP Code

Phone: ____________________________   Email: ____________________________

Student ID#: ____________________________

School Information

High School Name: ____________________________________________

Grade: __________

School Clubs & Athletics: ____________________________________________

Other Extracurricular Activities (Including employment & volunteering):

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Short Essay Question

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following question:

Please write no more than 250 words about an issue or concern that you would like to address within your community (school or home) and how you would work to bring awareness to the issue. Consider unique strategies and ideas that you would use to communicate this information with your peers.

Additional Information

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following question:

1. Educational background: Please list all the high schools you have attended and any awards or recognitions you have received.

2. Please list any work or practical experience you have performed while in high school.

Letters of Recommendation

Each applicant must submit (2) letters of recommendation stating why the applicant would be an ideal student representative. At least one letter should be from a school administrator or teacher. Recommendations from relatives will not be considered. All recommendations should be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered directly from the individual making recommendation to the address below. Recommendations submitted by the applicant will not be accepted.
Youth & Parental Consent

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is accurate and complete. If selected for the student representative position, I agree to make a commitment to actively participate and follow the roles and responsibilities of the position. I understand that I must make an effort to attend every public meeting, and meet with the School Board on a monthly basis to communicate the concerns of my peers. If I am unable to uphold my responsibilities, I understand that my position will be filled by an alternate student representative.

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Applicant Signature          Dates

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Parent Signature             Dates