



**Philadelphia Public Schools' Board of Education Non-Voting Student Representative
Application Process
2026**

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.
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8. 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 October 24, 2025
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, 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.



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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):



Which position are you interested in serving as?

Feel free to select both options if you are interested in serving in either position

- ☐ Non-Voting Student Board Representative
- ☐ Non-Voting Alternate Student Board Representative

Short Essay Question

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following question in 250 words or less:

As a Student Board Representative, you will be expected to engage in the work of the Board while sharing both your own experiences and those of your peers to ensure that student voices are represented in the decision-making process. If selected, how would you gather feedback from your peers and work to ensure that the perspectives you bring to the Board are inclusive of all student experiences, not just your own?

Transcript

Please submit your most recent transcript to studentleaders@philasd.org

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 (studentleaders@philasd.org) , 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.

Applicant Signature

Dates

Parent Signature

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