

## AFFILIATIONS

### MARYLAND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Empowering young people to recognize and realize their potential as leaders has been our core mission since our founding in 1956.



MLW works with middle and high school students in Maryland and throughout the region. Through peer-led facilitation we inspire participants to be engaged and involved and empower them with the skills and confidence to make a difference in their schools and communities.

### NATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Since 1931, the goal of National Student Council (NatStuCo) has been to help all student councils become more effective organizations.



NatStuCo represents middle level and high school councils nationwide. It seeks to provide a valuable leadership partnership between

students and their school. It creates the opportunity for students to become effective leaders, thus encouraging and influencing a positive school climate.

### MASC CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

*MASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry or national origin, familial status, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or genetic information in its programs and activities and provides equal access and a welcoming environment to all groups.*

### MASC STATEMENTS ON RACIAL INJUSTICE

As an organization, MASC celebrates diversity and equity and holds all of our student leaders to these same values. As student leaders, we have the privilege and the responsibility to uplift and advocate for those who have been marginalized. We stand with the Black community, and all communities impacted by racial injustice, and are devoted to working against racism. We will advocate against the harmful rhetoric and growing stigma around the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. And we advocate for and emphasize the use of non-lethal force and unequivocally condemn the events of violence against youth. The Maryland Association of Student Councils has always been and will continue to be committed to standing by and growing with our student leaders across the state.

See formal statements at  
<https://tinyurl.com/wvnpan44>

[www.mdstudentcouncils.org](http://www.mdstudentcouncils.org)

# MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Maryland's Student Voice

By joining MASC, you become a part of an ongoing tradition of inspired student leaders.



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

MASC gladly welcomes all student input and participation. We encourage students to become active student leaders in MASC by attending executive board meetings, becoming certified workshop presenters, and becoming a voting member by joining through their school's student council. Check our calendar or contact us for upcoming meetings and other MASC events.

## CONFERENCES

Each year, MASC hosts three major conferences centered around our yearly theme. Although each event is unique, they all provide valuable leadership experiences and networking opportunities to student leaders all across Maryland.

### FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Each fall, our student leaders come together to experience a day of high energy, engaging leadership workshops. Workshops are all written and facilitated by students and carefully tailored to the needs of middle and high school students.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

In the winter, we hold a one-day conference focused on student advocacy. An election is held to select the two nominees for the position of Student Member of the Maryland State Board of Education. The governor will then appoint one of those nominees to serve on the Board of Education. There are also student-led workshops to help students become more involved in the legislative process by taking official stances on Maryland's youth-related bills.

### CONVENTION

Student leaders gather every spring for a dynamic and inspiring three-day conference. Delegates and advisors participate in more of our student-led workshops, elect MASC's officer team, are recognized for outstanding contributions during an awards ceremony, hear nationally recognized motivational speakers, and enjoy networking and recreational activities.

*Note: With the on-going transition to in-person events due to the pandemic, some events may still be held virtually. We will also strive to live-stream in-person events.*

## WHAT IS MASC?

MASC is an answer. Wherever students feel discouraged by apathy, treated unfairly in their schools, want to know more to become greater leaders, MASC has offered a solution. Students are not only the leaders of the future but the leaders of today and defend as well as promote the interests, rights and well-being of all students in the state of Maryland.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We hold various conferences for students throughout the year around the state where trained student leaders facilitate workshops written by students for students. We also participate in initiatives and service projects pertinent to youth.

### STUDENT ADVOCACY

We communicate with the Maryland General Assembly as well as various interest groups and the State Board of Education advocating student rights. Importantly, we nominate two students, one of whom is appointed by the Governor to serve as a voting member on the State Board of Education.

### COMMUNICATION

Student leaders around the state unite under MASC through similar networks on regional levels which communicate to individual middle and high schools. Through this structure we are able to share ideas and gather as a general assembly to take stances on issues.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. To see that this is done efficiently and effectively, the Maryland Association of Student Councils hosts several events throughout the school year.

## MEMBERSHIP

MASC is currently accepting membership applications online. We are an organization of school student councils, thus membership is only through the school. A school advisor or administrator must complete the easy on-line application. Membership voting and fees align with school population size.

MASC welcomes other organizations and businesses wishing to support the mission of MASC and the student leaders in Maryland to make a donation to MASC.

Visit our website [mdstudentcouncils.org](http://mdstudentcouncils.org) for more information.

### •DISCLAIMER•

All information is current at the time of publication (Fall 2021), but are subject to change.