

Hello MASC! My name is Shruti Vadlakonda and I'm running for your next 2022-2023 Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) Treasurer. The MASC Treasurer position entails many duties and responsibilities that I feel I am prepared to fulfill.

I have always been passionate about student leadership. I have been serving as an appointed officer in my county student council since middle school. When I first discovered MASC, I was inspired by the work that MASC was doing across the state and immediately decided to sign up as an appointed staff. This year, from attending Staff Development Day to presenting at Legislative Session, I've enjoyed every moment during my time in MASC. Now, I hope to continue my passion for student leadership as MASC Treasurer, where I will be able to make impactful, positive change.

Through my position as MASC Treasurer, I hope to make the membership process easier for schools across the state. Membership is an important aspect of MASC's success. Therefore, I will strive to work towards helping schools through this process by encouraging exposure of students to leadership at the state level. Furthermore, I will continue to spread awareness about MASC, specifically by targeting counties and schools that are not as involved in MASC. I believe that this step is crucial because students from all over Maryland deserve access to a platform like MASC where they can voice their ideas, grow as a leader, and get college and career ready. Also, as treasurer, I hope to take advantage of communication tools such as social media, email, and monthly bulletins to publicize MASC activities and highlight its goals in order to inspire students from across the state to join.

I have many skills and experiences that will aid me in this position. I am an organized, efficient individual and meet deadlines effectively. As a current appointed staff for MASC and a certified workshop presenter, I have the necessary background and knowledge to help me in this position. I am also an appointed officer for the Howard County Association of Student Councils. In addition, I am a Volunteer Recruiter for the American Red Cross. My experiences in this position have allowed me to learn effective tools for recruitment and communication. Moreover, I have learned how to effectively assist individuals based on their personal needs. In addition, I am an experienced public speaker. I am my school's Mock Trial Attorney. And, as a member of my school's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) team, I have learned the basics of managing an organization and its financials. I have also won awards in FBLA events, including at the state level.

In addition to fulfilling my designated responsibilities as Treasurer, I will go above and beyond to connect with the students of MASC. MASC is such an amazing organization and I am so honored to be able to run for this position to serve as an effective leader and advocate for all Maryland students.

I hope you consider me, Shruti Vadlakonda, for your next 2022-2023 MASC treasurer!