

## 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 Association of Student Councils

Since 1931, the goal of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) has been to help all student councils become organizations that are more effective.



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

NASC represents middle level and high school councils nationwide. It seeks to provide a valuable leadership partnership between students and their school. It creates

## 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 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.

### Statements on Injustices

The Maryland Association of Student Councils vehemently condemns hate toward any community. As an organization, we will stand firm against acts of xenophobia, racism, and intolerance. We will continue to celebrate and uphold diversity, equity, and inclusion to the best of our ability. We will advocate against the harmful rhetoric toward oppressed communities. We encourage all student leaders to spread awareness and change the narrative, be a positive force against hate, and stand in solidarity with all communities.

[Read all our statements on discrimination](#)

# MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Maryland's Student Voice



## 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 on 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.

### **New!** CONVENTION

Student Leaders gather in the late winter for a dynamic and inspiring three-day conference. This new convention combines the business from the previous Legislative Session event with the Convention. This event will consist of workshops, elections for the MASC Officers, the election for the final two candidates for student member on the Board of Education, bill stances, and more.

### **New!** Spring Leadership Conference

Delegates and advisors wrap up an incredible year by being recognized for outstanding contributions during an awards ceremony. Attendees prep for a new chapter of growth through more student-led workshops, guest speaker sessions, and our new Hall of Ideas.

*Schools and regions wishing to host a MASC event can find detailed information on our [website](#).*

## WHAT IS MASC?

The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) is an organization of public and private secondary school student councils in the state of Maryland. 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 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.

## MASC FUNDRAISERS

### [Raise Right](#)

Please support MASC by purchasing gift cards. Select from 750+ popular brands, with options for eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. No extra money spent! No wasted value. You pay \$50 for a \$50 gift card. Use it to pay for your purchases or give it as a gift.

### [Electronics Fundraiser](#)

Donate your old electronics NOW to benefit the community and help MASC continue to have our amazing events and conferences!

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](#) for more information.

## 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's population size.

*Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) is a registered 501(c)(3) non profit organization.*