

MASC OFFICER APPLICATION 2026-2047

ACTION BY 5:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/officer-elections/>



IMPORTANT NOTE: Officer elections are held at the MASC Convention in Ocean City, March 18-20, 2026. Early bird registration (discounted rate) closes on January 9th and regular registration closes on February 6, 2026. **Officer applicants MUST be registered and attend the Convention. Work with your school advisor, as only a school advisor or administrator may register students.**

Dear MASC Officer Applicant:

We're not saying goodbye to our current officers just yet, but it *is* time to kick off elections for the 2026–2027 team! We invite you to apply and be part of this exciting next chapter. We can't wait to see what next year's leaders will bring!

MASC is pleased to welcome interested and qualified students to apply for the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Treasurer. Please read this application packet carefully as you consider running for office.

MASC's Mission

“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.”

- Empower students to become involved in issues that directly relate to them;
- Provide a forum for students to express and exchange ideas;
- Provide effective training for students in the areas of leadership, communication, representation, and personal development;
- Communicate information to member schools about issues that affect students and about activities of interest that are occurring across the state;
- Represent the views of Maryland students to the Maryland State Board of Education, the Maryland General Assembly, the National Student Council, the Maryland Center for School Safety, and to other organizations impacting the lives of students; and
- Familiarize students with the processes of local and state government.

QUALIFIED STUDENT LEADERS INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN MASC OFFICE SHOULD:

1. Review the attached descriptions of the officer positions.
2. Visit the MASC Website (<http://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/documents/>) and read over the MASC Constitution, Operating Principles, Platform, and other documents of interest.
3. Contact the person currently holding the position in which you are interested: Reach out to Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils or Jordan.Salkeld@mdstudentcouncils.org for the email of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President. Talk with your principal, student council advisor, and teachers to assess their understanding and support of your candidacy and the implications at the school level if you become a MASC officer. **Talk with your principal, advisor, and teachers to ensure they support your candidacy and understand the potential impact it may have on your school. Because MASC represents school student councils, candidates are expected to be active in their own school's program. If elected, your principal and advisor must also agree for your school to become a MASC member.**
4. Review the MASC draft calendar and talk with your parents/guardians about what being a MASC officer would mean for your family—travel, communication needs, attendance at events, and overall time commitment. Remember, the calendar is only a draft; check the current year's calendar for a full picture of typical events and meetings. The current calendar and the draft calendar can be found at <http://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/events/>
5. **If you decide to run, all application materials must be submitted by 5:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026.** Documents include your one-page resume, personal statement, headshot, contact/verification form, and completed Google form.

6. Your school advisor must also review and approve the resume and personal statement. The Advisor will confirm that all statements and items listed in the documents are accurate.
7. The school principal must also approve the candidate by confirming that local eligibility requirements for participation in the Student Council are met and that a high standard of behavioural ethics is exemplified.
8. Your parent(s)/guardian(s) will also need to sign your candidate application to confirm that you've discussed the time, commitment, and travel involved if you are elected. While many meetings and events are held virtually, all major conferences take place in person.
9. Read the Election Rules, Convention Standing Rules (posted on the [Officer Election webpage](#)) and the application form (toward the end of this packet) for additional specific information and instructions.

Parents, Advisors, and Principals: Please talk with student candidates about the commitment required to run for a MASC office. Students must make an informed decision before declaring their candidacy. Carefully consider time demands, the risk of over-committing, and any transportation challenges.

Candidates are responsible for abiding by the adopted Election Rules (see above). The required Expense Report information will be emailed to you.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Karen Crawford (Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils.org), MASC Executive Director, for further information.

Please note: There is a **mandatory candidate/parent virtual meeting from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, to discuss election specifics, general officer responsibilities, calendar, transportation, finances, and parent involvement/support, etc. Candidates will receive a Zoom link that they may also share with parents (or share a screen for the meeting). If a parent/candidate cannot attend this meeting, **the parent** needs to specify that in an email to the executive director so an alternative for sharing information can be worked out.

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MASC CALENDAR OVERVIEW FOR OFFICERS

Review the 2026-2027 draft calendar of major events with parents, considering time and transportation issues.

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/events/>

April-May (Virtual Meetings)

- Officer transitional meetings and goal setting (Staff Development Day planning)
- Appointed MASC Executive Board Staff Applications Open
- Virtual staff interviews by appointment & selection (scheduled over two weeks)
- Executive Board Meeting and officer "swearing in" (Saturday, May 14, 2025 – Location TBD (Washington County). In-person and live streaming)

June

- *Officer meetings/workday/planning sessions begin (bi-weekly hour-long virtual conference calls)*
- Officer/Director Retreat (*full day in-person on a Saturday*)
- *Optional: [Vision National Student Leadership Conference](#) Staff Development Day*

July (Planning meetings are virtual)

- All conference planning begins and is worked on throughout the year
- Maryland Leadership Workshops <http://mlw.org/> (*leadership camps*) - residential program

August

- [Advance](#) (Smith Center, Montgomery County)
 - Executive [Board Meeting](#) and Workshop Presenter Certification

Once sworn-in, MASC pays officer registration fees for all executive board meeting and MASC conferences.

MASC also pays half of the registration fee for MLW.

In addition – MASC will cover the registration and hotel for the NASSP LEAD Conference.

September

- Additional one-day [workshop presenter certification](#)

October

- Extensive conference pre-planning for the year

November

- [Fall Leadership Conference](#) (Saturday before Thanksgiving)

December

- Executive Board Meeting (usually the second Saturday in December)

January

- [Legislative Session](#) (usually the last Saturday in January)

February

- Officer candidate/parent required meeting (virtual)
- Executive Board Meeting
- *Optional:* [LEAD Conference](#) (usually the last weekend in February)

March

- Legislative Advocacy Week <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/advocacy-week/>

April

- Convention <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/convention/>
- Staff Applications & Interviews

May

- Staff Interviews (virtual)
- Executive Board Meeting - swearing in of the new officers, confirmation of appointed staff

Qualifications for MASC Officers as described in the MASC Constitution (Article X, Section I):

<https://mdstudentcouncils.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MASCCConstitution.pdf>

- A. The president, first vice president, second vice president, and treasurer must be enrolled in a Maryland secondary school.
- B. The second vice president must be enrolled in a middle school during the term of office.
- C. Candidates must meet the eligibility requirements of their local school system.
- D. Candidates for the office of president must have attended at least one MASC business meeting in the school year in which they run prior to the opening session of the state convention (business meetings are defined as MASC Executive Board meetings and MASC General Assemblies).
- E. Candidates for the office of President must have been a member of the MASC Executive Board for at least one year prior to the election.
- F. No person shall serve as a MASC officer while concurrently serving as a regional elected officer or student serving on a Board of Education within the State of Maryland in the year of the term.
- G. A student will not hold one particular office for more than two terms.

MASC Contact and Verification Form

Nominees must submit the following two pages (uploaded to the Google form) by 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2026

[Google Form Link](#)

- This completed, signed page (*PRINT VERY CAREFULLY –USE BLACK INK*)
 - Resume (one-page typed*) listing experiences in school and community activities, leadership positions, honors, academic standing, and current grade point average. Please **DO NOT** include contact information (email, cell, etc.). This will be published on the MASC website.
 - Personal statement (one page typed*) describing your motivation for seeking MASC office and what you hope to accomplish while in office. This will be published on the MASC website.
 - Headshot (MASC can crop and format pictures)
 - Required recommendations from your Principal and SGA Advisor
- Link to share with principal and advisor: <https://forms.gle/CQ9TxfGfw8V5jjNo7>

* One page is defined as a page that has no smaller than a .4-inch border and no font smaller than 9 pt. The resumé and personal statements may be in color. **Do not include personal information** (email, cell phone, etc.) as these will be published on the MASC website for students to review.

Applicant’s Name: _____ Region/County: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ *Personal Email Address: _____

MASC Office you are seeking: _____

School Name: _____ Current Grade in School: _____

MASC is an organization comprised of school student councils, not individual students. I confirm that I am involved in the student council at my own school. Yes No (Note: Students must have an opportunity to be involved in the student council without being an officer or in a leadership class. Otherwise, this should not be held against the student.)

Many school systems' firewalls block emails from outside their network. Please provide a personal email address so MASC can communicate with you, as email is our primary mode of communication.

Code of Ethics: As leaders, we must be continually aware of our actions and their effects. In order to make an impact we must exercise an awareness of responsibility to ourselves, to the organizations with which we are associated, and to other people. This code was developed through a cooperative process involving the MASC Executive Board, state officers, and regional advisors.

As leaders we will:

- Serve as role models to our peers and set an example for all to follow.
- Be inclusive of all students while advocating, involvement, and participation in various activities.
- Maintain a high level of respect towards others and ourselves.
- Strive to be committed leaders and encourage others to reach their full potential.
- Remember that part of our leadership responsibilities includes helping, training, and encouraging future leaders.
- Fulfill our role as a person whom others can count on and whose word is solid and trustworthy by refraining from cheating, stealing, or lying.
- Realize that our actions directly impact the integrity and credibility of MASC.
- Maintain the high integrity that MASC has achieved.
- Abide by all rules and procedures laid out by our host facility and organization

Applicant’s Signature

Date

MASC Diversity Statement: 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.

Terms of Candidacy for all offices:

For any of the four officer positions, all qualifications as outlined on the application form and concurrently in the MASC Constitution must be met.

In addition, it is *recommended* that candidates should be a long-term member in good standing of their school student council, have attended a leadership development program, such as a Maryland Leadership Workshops, have attended at least two MASC Executive Board Meetings and a MASC Conference during the school year in which they are running for office, and have served as a workshop presenter for a MASC Conference.

Please read carefully, Article IX, “Elected Officers” in the MASC Constitution

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PRESIDENT

In addition to the Constitution listing, other duties of the President include, but are not limited to:

- establishing deadlines for, reviewing, and editing all publications, minutes, and registration packets of MASC
- writing MASC executive board mailings and conducting additional correspondence when appropriate
- appointing staff and coordinating the work of all appointed staff
- establishing expectations
- providing direction
- brainstorming activities
- delegating
- encouraging and providing feedback
- maintaining contact with the executive board, officer team, and executive directors
- funnelling information to and from staff members
- serving as the leader of the officer team and chairing officer team meetings
- providing support to MASC’s regions and all member schools
- maintaining communication with the Region 2 student representative and other state presidents
- serving as chair of the Fall Leadership Conference, Winter Leadership Conference, Convention, and all executive board meetings
- preparing materials for all meetings and conferences
- serving as the chair of award selections, interview teams, election committees, SMOB selection committees, etc.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

In addition to the Constitution listing, other duties of the First Vice President include, but are not limited to:

- serving as the primary contact person with all Regional Presidents and Divisional Liaisons
- developing a system for collecting and distributing Regional Reports and Student Members on Boards of Education reports
- recruiting committee members from each region for any MASC committees
- providing information about MASC to interested organizations, providing information about potential associate organizations to MASC, and speaking as requested to associated organizations
- assisting with reviewing and editing all publications, minutes, and registration packets of MASC
- working to review applications for the Middle-Level Felix Simon Award for Leadership and Service

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

In addition to the Constitution listing, other duties of the Second Vice President include, but are not limited to:

- serving as the primary contact person with all Regional Middle School Representatives and middle school ambassadors
- encouraging all regions to send Middle School Representatives to each MASC Executive Board meeting
- making sure that all middle school representatives feel welcome at every MASC function
- ensuring that a middle school viewpoint is considered during all meetings
- ensuring that MASC meetings /conferences are designed with the needs and interests of middle school students in mind
- ensuring that an article focusing on middle school students appears in the MASC newsletter or producing a middle school newsletter
- add to and update the Middle School Focus web page
- working to review applications for the Middle-Level Felix Simon Award for Leadership and Service
- serving as a member of the Student Member on the State Board of Education Selection Committee
- implementing a middle school project in consultation with the executive directors and the president

TREASURER

In addition to the Constitution listing, other duties of the Treasurer include, but are not limited to:

- keeping an accurate list of and reporting on total membership, membership by region, public vs. private school membership, high school vs. middle school membership, change in membership from previous years, etc.
- reviewing and if needed, revising the MASC membership brochure
- actively promoting MASC membership – developing materials and marketing efforts to promote membership growth (including a big push on Giving Tuesday)
- reporting credentials information at any business meeting
- investigate grant opportunities and conduct fundraisers as approved
- reviewing all executive board reimbursement requests

Other duties of all MASC offices include, but are not limited to:

- previewing speakers, presentations, and materials for conferences
- attending all officer meetings and scheduled conference calls (weekly or bi-weekly)
- serving as a member of the Awards Selection Committees
- identifying student leaders to serve in training and leadership positions
- serving as a workshop presenter at executive board meetings and conferences
- training rising leaders in the organization
- advocating on behalf of the organization

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