



Maryland Association of Student Councils

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Dear Maryland Student Leaders and Advisors,

To kick off the 2026-2027 school year, the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) will host its first major in-person conference of the year, the **Fall Leadership Conference (FLC)**, highlighting our “Leadership in Overdrive” theme. The conference is on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Aberdeen High School in Harford County**. Secondary students from across the state will attend multiple workshops, activities, and general sessions. By attending, students will have the opportunity to develop and hone invaluable leadership skills that they can bring back to their schools and counties, while also meeting many other student leaders across Maryland.

The middle school component is designed to help emerging student leaders discover their strengths and unlock their potential to serve, inspire, and lead. During the conference, delegates will take part in three interactive workshops—**Parliamentary Procedure** (a middle school-friendly review), Building Relationships, and PPIE & Idea Generating. In addition, students will participate in a **mock general assembly**, where they’ll practice introducing legislation, debating, and voting. They’ll also have opportunities to **share ideas** about their own student councils’ projects and **connect with peers** from across the state through engaging “Get to Know You” activities. Finally, delegates will participate in team-building activities that foster meaningful connections, strengthen collaboration skills, and demonstrate the power of productive teamwork.

The high school portion varies slightly from the middle school portion of FLC. High school delegates will first hear from Ms. Riya Gupta, the Executive Director of Strong School Maryland, which organizes parents, students, educators, and community members to hold state and local leaders accountable for delivering equitable, well-funded public schools. Delegates will then experience a series of three interactive workshops designed by their peers specifically for Maryland’s high school leaders. Workshop topics change from year to year and are based on ideas submitted by high school students around the state. Previous topics have included advocacy, diversity, school spirit, community service, environmental awareness, and other unique topics that workshop presenters wish to share with our students. Finally, delegates will also participate in team-building activities,

Something that is unique to MASC is that most workshops are written and facilitated **for the students by the students**. We believe that peer-to-peer teaching is a great technique used in student leadership that allows everyone involved to make the most of their experience at FLC and MASC’s other conferences. Throughout the day, delegates and advisors may network with hundreds of other student leaders from across the state.

To cover the expense of conference materials, contracts, facilities, and food for the attendees, the registration fee is \$30 per delegate and advisor (\$25 for selected workshop presenters – information will be sent to school advisors). Registration materials and conference details can be found on the MASC website: <https://mdstudentcouncils.org/index.php/fall-leadership-conference/>

Registration for FLC opens Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and closes at 11:59 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Only a school advisor or administrator can register a school delegation for this conference.

We hope to see your school this November as we work together to provide the students of Maryland with the opportunity to see their leadership skills flourish.

With Excitement,

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