



FELIX SIMON HIGH SCHOOL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE 2026-2027

One purpose of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) is to encourage and assist member schools in developing their student council organizations. For this reason, your school's student council is invited to apply for the Felix Simon Award for Leadership and Service. This is NOT a competition among councils, but rather a set of criteria for all school student councils to use to enhance leadership, service, and student empowerment within their schools. This award is only open to MASC member schools.

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students.

Objective of the Felix Simon Award: To allow student council officers, members, and their advisors to evaluate their council against a shared set of standards and create an opportunity for student councils to be recognized for their effectiveness.

On the following pages, there is a list of criteria with possible points indicated. Each student council will decide which criteria it has met and how many points to list for the school year. **Please note that many items specifically indicate the current school year, but all other items and activities held between February 15, 2026, and March 8, 2027, can count toward this Felix Simon Application.**

Your student council will need to complete information on the following items:

- All information completed
- Attachments uploaded for specific items
- A letter of verification and support from the school student council president, the student council advisor, and the school principal
- MASC also encourages each school to produce a two- to three-minute video clip summarizing its student government program that could be used at the awards ceremony. At a minimum, please upload and identify a picture to be used at the awards ceremony

Applications must be submitted online before 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2027

Application link – <https://forms.gle/xWHKGSpa8hmxnF5L6>

Submission is through a Google Form. Schools will type their responses directly into the form for each question. All required signed letters and supporting documents should be uploaded to the designated documentation folder (school Google Drive) and clearly labeled so they can be easily located and reviewed.

Supporting documents should be labeled with the corresponding section identification—for example, II.A.1 Constitution.

Be sure the link you shared with your school's documentation is accessible outside of your school system – your school's firewall cannot block outside access.

Awards will be presented to student councils achieving a total number of points equal to the standards set by the MASC Executive Team.

A minimum of 75% of the total points must be earned by a school of 550 or fewer in population and 80% of the total points by a school of 551+ in population to be eligible. The awards committee, which will decide the award recipients, will then verify eligible schools' applications. *(*If you are a private/charter school that is not allowed to join a regional student council, please indicate that here. There is only a ten-point difference covered in Section II-C Region, and your percentage of points will be based on a possible 230 points.)*

Feel free to contact Mrs. Karen Crawford (Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils.org) if you have any questions about the award application.

Felix Simon Award Recipients

1993-94	Frederick High School	Frederick County
	South River High School	Anne Arundel County
1996-97	La Plata High School	Charles County
1997-98	North Hagerstown HS	Washington County
1998-99	Lackey High School	Charles County
	Laurel High School	Prince George's County
	Long Reach High School	Howard County
	River Hill High School	Howard County
	Suitland High School	Howard County
1999-00	Parkside High School	Wicomico County
2000-01	Glen Burnie High School	Anne Arundel County
2001-02	Eleanor Roosevelt HS	Prince George's County
	Northwestern High School	Prince George's County
	Frederick High School	Frederick County
2002-03	River Hill High School	Howard County
	Catoctin High School	Frederick County
	Glenelg High School	Howard County
	Atholton High School	Howard County
2003-04	Damascus High School	Montgomery County
	North Hagerstown HS	Washington County
	Perry Hall High School	Baltimore County
	Watkins Mill High School	Montgomery County
2004-05	Liberty High School	Carroll County
	Middletown High School	Frederick County
	South River High School	Anne Arundel County
2005-06	Centennial High School	Howard County
	Carver Center for Arts & Technology	Baltimore County
	South Hagerstown HS	Washington County
	North County High School	Anne Arundel County
2006-07	Bowie High School	Prince George's County
	Richard Montgomery HS	Montgomery County
	Montgomery Blair HS	Montgomery County
2007-08	Northern Garrett High School	Garrett County
2008-09	North Point High School	Charles County
	South River High School	Anne Arundel County
2009-10	River Hill High School	Howard County
2010-11	Atholton High School	Howard County
	Hereford High School	Baltimore County
	Severna Park High School	Anne Arundel County
2011-12	Centennial High School	Howard County
2012-13	River Hill High School	Howard County
	Chopticon High School	St. Mary's County
	Allegany High School	Allegany County
2013-14	Perry Hall High School	Baltimore County



2014-15	Centennial High School Huntingtown High School Richard Montgomery HS	Howard County Calvert County Montgomery County
2015-16	River Hill High School	Howard County
2016-17	Edgewood High School Perry Hall High School	Harford County Baltimore County
2017-18	Allegany High School	Allegany County
2018-19	Hereford High School River Hill High School Centennial High School	Baltimore County Howard County Howard County
2019-20	Long Reach High School Oakland Mills High School Parkdale High School	Howard County Howard County Prince George's County
2020-21	Northern High School	Calvert County
2021-22	No Applications	
2022-23	Centennial High School	Howard County
2023-24	Long Reach High School	Howard County
2024-25	LaPlatta High School	Charles County
2025-26	No Applications	

***Please Note:
Schools must be
a MASC member
to apply.**

Recipients of the
Felix Simon High
School Award for
Leadership and
Service are eligible
to reapply for this
award three years
following the
receipt of the
award.

Award Criteria on next page:





FELIX SIMON HIGH SCHOOL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE 2026-2027 (for MASC member schools)

***The following information is for planning purposes.
The Award application must be submitted online.***

APPLICATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/xWHKGSpa8hmxnF5L6>

Basic Information:

Schools will be asked to complete basic information about their school, advisor, principal, etc.

A signed letter verifying the content of the application and supporting documents is also required from each of the following:

- Student council president
- School advisor
- School principal

Organizational Involvement

This section will ask about your school's involvement at the national, state, and regional levels.

The regional advisor will need to provide a signed letter addressing the school's involvement at the Regional level.

- See specific items listed in
II. Organizational Involvement
C. Regional

**FOR THE APPLICATION, PAY
ATTENTION TO ITEMS REQUIRING
DOCUMENTATION THAT NEEDS TO
BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL'S
DESIGNATED GOOGLE FOLDER OR
DROPBOX.**

- All items that ask for proof must be uploaded or included in the application to receive the points.
- Pay attention to items that need your review, description, and/or certification in a letter uploaded to the application.

It is recommended that schools upload this document to a student council folder to allow several students and the advisor to gather information, save required documentation, and type in this application where requested. "Save-As" this application and call it "School Name MS – Region – Felix Simon App." Create folders for each section of the Application (Sections I – V). Documents should be titled with the section identification (i.e. II.A.1 Constitution) or other specified criteria (i.e. I - Principal letter).

Be sure that MASC would be able to have access to the folder **(not restricted to school/school system)**. If need be, create a free student council Gmail account and get 15 GB free storage on the Google drive for the account.

Submission of this application is via a Google form. Schools will complete the basic information, then type in the URL of the folder where the application and documentation are saved.

Please ask if you have any questions!

- Supporting documents or descriptions must be clearly explained or uploaded for each category in which your school earns points.

Feel free to contact Mrs. Karen Crawford (Karen.Crawford@mdstudentcouncils.org) if you have any questions about the award application.



It is highly recommended that schools save a copy of this application document in their school folder. That will allow multiple students to work on this during the year.

Ultimately, this information will be typed (copied and pasted) into the Google Form for review.

I. Basic Information

<i>A. MASC Region/County</i>	
<i>B. School Name</i>	
<i>C. Public/Private/Charter School</i>	
<i>D. School Population Size</i>	
<i>E. Advisor's Name</i>	
<i>F. Advisor's Email</i>	
<i>G. Principal's Name</i>	
<i>H. Principal's Email</i>	
<i>I. MASC member school?</i>	

A signed letter verifying the accuracy of the application and expressing support for the submission is also required from each of the following:

- 1) Student Council President– upload letter (*save document as "President Letter"*)
- 2) Student Council Advisor– upload letter (*save document as "Advisor Letter"*)
- 3) School Principal– upload letter (*save document as "Principal Letter"*)

SECTION I Must be completed for the application to be considered (no points)

II. Organizational Involvement

<i>Organizational Involvement</i>	<i>What you need to upload</i>	<i>Points</i>
A. NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT		
2026-2027 National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Membership	☐ Upload certificate/letter of membership	5 pts
2026-2027 Attendance at any national leadership conference or webinar	☐ Provide the name of the event, date, the participant's name, & something the student learned from attending the conference (samples: Vision 2026, HOBY 2026, LEAD 2027, etc.	1 pt
B. STATE INVOLVEMENT		
2026-2027 MASC Membership	☐ No upload required	5 pts
March 2026 MASC Convention attendance	☐ provide names	1 pt per person, 3 pts max
2026-2027 MASC Executive Board staff or applicant for the executive board staff position	☐ provide names	1 pt per person, 3 pts max
2026 Summer Leadership Workshop attendance	☐ Please indicate which program: Maryland Leadership Workshops or other leadership programs such as Boys State, HOBY, etc. – ☐ provide names and something that the delegate(s) learned from the experience:	1 pt per person, 2 max.
November 2026 MASC Fall Leadership Conference attendance	☐ provide names	1 pt per person, 3 pts max.
January 2027 MASC Legislative Session Attendance	☐ provide names	1 pt per person, 3 pts max
Student workshop presenter for a MASC conference (March 2026 Convention, November 2026 Fall Leadership Conference, January 2027 Legislative Session)	☐ Provide names and conference (the same student can only be listed for one event	1 pt per person, 3 pts max

C. REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Regional: Please have the regional advisor submit a signed letter addressing each of the areas below as it pertains specifically to your school's participation. If any of these items do not pertain to your region (membership, leadership training, general assemblies, etc.), then the regional advisor must include specific language to address the specific point in the letter. Points would then be awarded.

If you are in a school without a regional/county-level organization, skip these questions. Points will not count against your overall score.

2026-2027 Membership in your regional student council organization	☐ Upload certificate/letter	4 pts.
Regional Leadership Training Activity attendance	☐ Provide name	1 pt.
School delegation attendance at <u>every</u> Regional General Assembly (current school year)	☐ Provide dates	2 pts.
Regional Executive Board or Committee Members	☐ Provide name and position	1 pt.

D. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Student Council participation in a community group (group outside of the school) that applies to the Mission of MASC (i.e. liaison relationship, joint projects, etc.)	☐ Please describe your council's participation/collaboration with a community group and how the group's activities apply to the MASC Mission Statement (feel free to upload pictures, programs, etc.).	3 pts.
Student Council planned and facilitated a community service project - working with groups outside of the school) –	☐ Please describe the process used by your council to plan, organize, and complete a community service project (reminder: this is for a service project outside of the school and cannot be used in Section VI-5)	2 pts per project 6 pts. max

SECTION II TOTAL (45 POINTS MAXIMUM) Points Earned: _____

*37 points for any private or charter school IF the regional student council does not include private or charter schools in the organization or if there is no county-level organization (Section II, C – Regional Activities

SECTION III: COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

<i>Criteria/Category</i>	<i>Requirement/Description</i>	<i>Points</i>
A.1 Constitution	☐ Written copy - upload constitution	5 pts
A. 2 Constitution	☐ Revision or review within the last four years. Describe process and year accomplished.	4 pts
B.1 Financial Procedures	☐ Written budget - upload budget	2 pts
B.2 Financial Procedures	☐ Process for recording and reporting financial records. Describe the process.	2 pts
C. 1 Representation	☐ List of officers, staff, Executive Board, and committee chairs - upload roster	3 pts
C. 2 Representation	☐ Written election/appointment procedures created and distributed - upload document	2 pts
D. 1 Committees	☐ Utilizes Committees during activity planning. Explain types, organization, and frequency.	3 pts
D. 2 Committees	☐ Process for forming Committees. Explain process to solicit student participation.	2 pts
E.1 Orientation	☐ Orientation for candidates running for office - upload agenda/flyer	1 pt
E.2 Orientation	☐ Orientation session/transition meeting for incoming officers - upload documents	3 pts
E.3 Orientation	☐ Special orientation for incoming freshman officers - explain/upload flyer	1 pt
F. 1 Meetings	☐ Officer/Executive Board meetings scheduled regularly - upload schedule	3 pts
F. 2 Meetings	☐ Council meetings scheduled regularly - upload schedule	3 pts
F.3 Meetings	☐ Process for officers and advisor to set an agenda before meetings - explain process.	2 pts
G. 1 Goal Setting	☐ Annual goal setting process. Describe process, involvement, and implementation.	3 pts
G.2 Goal Setting	☐ Established goals for the school year - upload documentation	3 pts

SECTION III TOTAL (42 POINTS MAXIMUM) Points Earned: _____

SECTION IV: COUNCIL INPUT & COMMUNICATION

<i>Criteria/Category</i>	<i>Requirement/Description</i>	<i>Points</i>
A. Student Input	☐ Process for receiving student input and how it affects the operations of the council	4 pts
B. Faculty Input	☐ Process for receiving faculty input and how it was used.	2 pts
C. Community Input	☐ Process for receiving community input and its impact.	1 pt
D.1 Communication	☐ Council reports regularly to the student body - explain/upload documentation	5 pts
D. 2 Communication	☐ Calendar of council/school activities distributed - explain/upload calendar	4 pts
D. 3 Communication	☐ Designated area updated regularly with council postings - explain/upload photos	3 pts
D. 4 Communication	☐ Process for announcement of council meetings - explain process	1 pt
D.5 Communication	☐ Council newsletter/bulletin to students/faculty (2 pts per issue) Upload samples	6 pts max
D. 6 Communication	☐ Media articles/broadcasts concerning council activities (1 pt each) Explain	2 pts max
D. 7 Communication	☐ Inter-Club Council coordination procedure - explain/upload documentation	4 pts
D. 8 Communication	☐ Communication of council purpose to parents, BOE, and/or Community	5 pts
D.9 Communication	☐ Process for council communication with administration - explain process	4 pts

SECTION IV TOTAL (41 POINTS MAXIMUM) Points Earned: _____

SECTION V: COUNCIL & SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

<i>Criteria/Category</i>	<i>Requirement/Description</i>	<i>Points</i>
A. School Improvement	☐ Explain (up to three examples) of participation in school improvement initiatives (2 pts each).	6 pts max

B. Continuous Improvement	☐ Formalized process for the evaluation of sponsored activities, meetings, officers, advisor, and members (2 pts each).	10 pts max
C. External Evaluation	☐ Formal process for student body and faculty/administration evaluation of council - explain/upload documentation.	4 pts
SECTION V TOTAL (20 POINTS MAXIMUM) Points Earned: _____		
SECTION VI: ACTIVITIES		
<i>Criteria/Category</i>	<i>Requirement/Description</i>	<i>Points</i>
A. Activities Categories 1. School Service 2. School Spirit 3. Leadership 4. Recognition 5. Community Service 6. Environmental 7. Health/Wellness Awareness 8. Advocacy 9. Goals-based Activities	Description and documentation for: ☐ School Service ☐ School Spirit ☐ Leadership ☐ Recognition ☐ Community Service ☐ Environmental ☐ Health/Wellness Awareness ☐ Advocacy ☐ Goals-based Activities	6-10 pts per category
SECTION VI TOTAL (90 POINTS MAXIMUM) Points Earned: _____		

APPLICATION TOTAL
(*238 POINTS MAXIMUM)

A school with a population of 550 or fewer must earn a minimum of 75% of the total possible points (178 points), while a school with a population of 551 or more must earn a minimum of 80% (190 points) to be eligible for the award. The Awards Committee will review and verify the applications of all eligible schools and determine the award recipients.

**Private or charter schools may earn up to 230 points if the regional student council does not include private or charter schools in its organization or if there is no county-level organization. (Section II.C – Regional Activities). A school with a population of 550 or fewer must earn a minimum of 75% of the total possible points (172 points), while a school with a population of 551 or more must earn a minimum of 80% (184 points). The Awards Committee will review and verify the applications of all eligible schools and determine the award recipients.*

REMINDER: [Online application and documents](#) uploaded must be completed on or before 5:00 p.m., March 8, 2027

[Application](#)