



Student Representative to the AWSL Board and the State Board of Education

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TO: Western Washington High School Principals, Counselors and ASB Advisers

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SUBJECT: Selection of class of 2019 AWSL representative to State Board of Education

The Association of Washington Student Leaders is seeking a current high school sophomore from Western Washington to serve a two-year term on the AWSL Executive Committee, who will also serve in the capacity as student representative to the State Board of Education (SBE).

This position requires an articulate student who can listen, observe and provide input on issues regarding educational policy in Washington State. As a member of the AWSL Executive Committee the student will participate in meetings and conferences which will allow them to gather student input on issues effecting today's schools. The student selected to serve this two-year term must be interested in educational issues and must be willing to commit to a rigorous meeting schedule. The meetings of the AWSL Executive Committee and the State Board of Education will require that the selected student to commit to approximately 16 days during each school year, including some Sunday and weekend commitments. It is essential that a student seeking this position have the support of their school administration and parents.

As you read over the enclosed application and description of the position, we hope that a top-quality sophomore leader comes to mind. If so, please encourage them to apply. The application timeline is outlined below.

If you have questions regarding the position, please contact Susan Fortin at 360.497.5323, or email susanf@awsp.org. Thank you in advance for routing this application to an appropriate candidate.

Timeline

Applications postmarked:	Monday, February 27, 2017
Finalists notified by:	Monday, March 20, 2017
Finalists interviewed (date and location to be announced):	Prior to April 16, 2017
First AWSL Executive Committee Meeting:	Sun/Mon, April 23-24, 2017
First State Board meeting for new representative:	Wed/Thur, May 10-11, 2017

Attachments: SBE Position Description
SBE Application Form

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Student Representative to the AWSL Committee and the State Board of Education

Each year the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) selects a sophomore student to serve through their senior year on the AWSL Executive Committee who will also represent Washington students to the State Board of Education (SBE). The selection rotation ensures that Eastern and Western Washington are equally represented and that one junior and one senior fill the board positions. In even-numbered years the representative is selected from Eastern Washington. In odd-numbered years the representative is selected from Western Washington. The position includes a rigorous meeting schedule that requires attending overnight meetings, conferences and retreats. Some meetings require Sunday and weekend participation. The student selected will miss approximately 16 school days each year. Meeting expenses are covered through AWSL and the SBE.

Qualifications

A nominee for **2017-2019 AWSL Representative to the State Board of Education (SBE)** must:

1. Be enrolled in a secondary school throughout the academic years of his or her term.
2. Be a sophomore at the time of selection.
3. Reside and attend school on the west-side of the state with the Cascade Mountains serving as the dividing line.
4. Be able to attend and participate in all scheduled SBE and AWSL Executive Committee meetings.
5. Have above-average grades and be responsible to make up school work missed while attending scheduled meetings.
6. BE INVOLVED IN THEIR SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN SOME CAPACITY

Job Responsibilities

The AWSL student representative to the State Board of Education will:

1. **Attend and represent students at all State Board of Education meetings.** Each meeting will require that the representative *miss two school days*. Meetings are held in:
May July September November January March
2. **Attend all AWSL Executive Committee meetings and play an active leadership role within the AWSL organization.** Required meeting dates include:
April 23-24, 2017
June or August 2017 (Retreat TBD – 2 day)
October 12-15, 2017
April 29-30, 2018
June or August 2018 (Retreat TBD – 2 day)
October 11-14, 2018
April 28-29, 2019
3. Represent student opinion at a variety of education-related events. *This will include speaking and panel presentations at statewide events.*
4. Mentor the newly elected junior representative during their senior year.

Selection Procedures

1. Each school may submit the application of one sophomore.
2. Submit a complete application packet to include:
 - a) A fully completed and signed application form (page 4 of this packet).

- b) A typed essay reflecting knowledge of, interest in, and qualifications for this position. (Response must be no longer than one sheet of 8 1/2 x 11" paper.)
 - c) A letter of support from a building administrator or adviser who will attest to your sense of responsibility, maturity and leadership ability. *Additional letters or attachments will not be considered.*
 - d) Application packets must be **postmarked or emailed by Monday, February 27, 2017.**
 - e) Complete packets will be emailed to susanf@awsp.org, faxed to 360.497.5324 or mailed to:
 - Susan Fortin, AWSL Director
 - 2142 Cispus Road
 - Randle, WA 98377
3. Finalists will be notified by Monday, March 20, 2017. Interviews will be held prior to April 16, 2017. The selected representative will begin service at the AWSL Executive Committee meeting April 23-24, 2017 and will attend their first State Board of Education meeting May 10-11, 2017.

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON STUDENT LEADERS
State Board of Education Application Form

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____ GPA: _____

School Address: _____

We understand the duties and responsibilities of assuming a leadership role for AWSL as the Student Representative to the State Board of Education and consent to this nomination.

Applicant Signature

School Principal Signature

ASB Adviser Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

List the top five elected or appointed leadership positions held in school. Only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example: elected student body, class or club officer, committee chairperson, etc.

Leadership Position	8	9	10	Activity or Organization

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List the top five community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments. These should be any activities outside of school in which you participated for the betterment of your community. For example: clubs sponsored outside the school, Boy or Girl Scouts, religious groups, volunteer groups or community endeavors.

Community Activity	8	9	10	Major Accomplishment

RECOGNITION / AWARDS

List below any experiences, honors or recognitions you have received which support your candidacy.

Recognition or Award	8	9	10	Group or Activity