



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE TOWNSEND BUILDING
401 FEDERAL STREET, SUITE 2
DOVER, DE 19901

**Delaware State Board of Education
2019 Student Board Member Application**

We are pleased that you are interested in applying to be the student member on the Delaware State Board of Education (State Board). Pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 1, Section 104 of Delaware State Code, *“the Governor shall appoint annually 1 non-voting member who, at the time of the appointment, is or will be in the next school year an eleventh or twelfth grade student at a public school in this State, with priority given to the selection of an individual who has demonstrated commitment to ensuring quality education for Delaware students.”* Appointments will be made on or after July 1 of each year.

Application Criteria

Students interested in participating on the State Board must meet the following requirements:

- Delaware resident;
- 11th or 12th grade student during the 2019-20 school year;
- Attend a public school located in the state of Delaware;
- Committed to ensuring quality education for Delaware students;
- In good academic and attendance standing and eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities within your school district;
- Recommended by district or school staff;
- Ability to provide your own transportation to and attend monthly State Board meetings held during this time period. Meetings are usually held at 5pm and last approximately 2-3 hours. Meeting locations rotate throughout the State of Delaware. A schedule can be [found here](#).

The roles and responsibilities of the student Board member will be to:

- Provide an informed student viewpoint to the State Board of Education. The Board member is not expected to represent all students but should aim to express views that are in the best interest of Delaware students;
- Review all agenda materials and presentations in advance of each regular monthly meeting;
- Participate in State Board trainings and strategic planning meetings;
- Participate in and engage in public meetings and activities, including working sessions and community engagement opportunities (as needed);
- Participate in the selection process of the incoming student Board member; and
- Provide an orientation to the next student Board member.

Application Requirements

If you meet all of the above qualifications and wish to apply for membership on the State Board, please submit the following: (1) application form (2) signature sheet (3) resume (4) answers to the essay prompts.

The complete application is due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019. Applications must be submitted in one of the following ways:

- In one PDF document via email to sbestudentapplication@delaware.gov. Please write “SBE Student Membership Application” in the subject line.
- In one complete application packet sent through certified mail no later than March 8, 2019 to:
Office of the Governor
ATTN: Lydia Massey – Director of Boards and Commissions
150 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. South
Dover, DE 19901

Applications submitted without all required materials will not be considered for the position.

Application Process

Semi-finalists will be notified in April and an interview will be scheduled. Governor Carney shall appoint one student as a non-voting member of the State Board.

Expenses Paid

If selected, mileage costs for travel associated with participation on the State Board will be paid. Additionally, the State Board’s student member receives a \$100 stipend for each day’s participation in regular State Board meetings, not to exceed \$1,500 per year.

Questions?

Information about the State Board of Education can be found on the Board’s website at: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/170>.

Questions about the application process should be directed to sbestudentapplication@delaware.gov.

Questions about the State Board of Education may be directed to Jenna Ahner at jenna.ahner@sbe.k12.de.us or 302-735-4010.



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2019-2020**

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone number (home)

Phone number (cell)

Email address

Are you a resident of the state of Delaware? Yes No

Do you attend a Delaware public school? Yes No

Name of high school you attend?

Other High School(s) attended in the past three years?

Expected Year of Graduation? 2020 2021 Other If other, please explain

Current GPA?

GPA is Weighted Unweighted

Educational-Related Extracurricular Activities. Please list all educational or athletic-related extracurricular activities, past and present. List activity first, then start date and end date. If you have held a leadership position, indicate which position and the start and end dates of leadership.

Community or Volunteer-Related Extracurricular Activities. Please list all community or volunteer-related extracurricular activities, past and present. List activity first, then start date and end date. If you have held a leadership position, indicate which position and the start and end dates of leadership.

Please list two references. One reference from a teacher or administrator within your school and one from a person familiar with your volunteer or community experience.

Name	Organization/Affiliation	Phone Number

Disclaimer and Signature. Use signature font, your first and last name and the date.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to a position on the State Board, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in removal from the State Board.

I understand that this position requires me to, at a minimum, attend and actively participate in at least one scheduled meeting per month, totaling approximately 3-5 hours of time.

Yes

I understand that this position requires me to actively participate in and engage in public meetings and activities, including monthly meetings, working sessions, and community engagement opportunities.

Yes

I understand that this position requires me to serve at a minimum from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Yes

I understand that this position requires me to effectively and respectfully communicate my perspective and questions on student educational issues before the State Board.

Yes

I have enclosed the following required application materials:

- Application form;
- Completed signature sheet;
- My resume;
- Responses to each of the two essay prompts in 250 or fewer words.

**Delaware State Board of Education
Signature Sheet**

All appropriate signatures required. Please note that it is the expectation that the State Board member attend ALL scheduled State Board events.

Student Name:

High School:

Parent or Guardian

My child advised me of his/her interest in participating as a State Board of Education member. I approve of my child serving as a State Board of Education member and understand that this position will require my child to participate in evening meetings that will require travel throughout the state of Delaware. I understand that transportation will not be provided.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

Principal

This is to certify that the above named person has satisfactory attendance, disciplinary record, and grades to be involved in this activity and is well suited to serve on the State Board of Education.

Principal's Signature _____

School Counselor

This is to certify that the above named student has satisfactory attendance, disciplinary record, and grades and is eligible within our school district to participate in this activity and is well suited to serve on the State Board of Education.

Counselor's Signature _____

Student

I understand that in being a State Board of Education member, I will be required to attend ALL scheduled functions and give many hours of my time. I understand that this position requires travel around the state and transportation will not be provided. I am willing to work to the best of my ability. Should I not perform the assigned duties, I may be removed from the position.

Student's Signature _____

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**Delaware State Board of Education
Essay Prompts**

Please respond to each of the following prompts in 250 or fewer words.

1. What do you think is the role of the Delaware State Board of Education's student member and how would you fulfill this role?

2. How have you demonstrated commitment to quality education for Delaware students?

