



## Washington Association of Student Councils

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**DATE:** January 4, 2010

**TO:** Eastern Washington High School Principals, Counselors and ASB Advisers

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**SUBJECT:** **Selection of Junior Representative to the State Board of Education**

The Washington Association of Student Councils is currently seeking a high school sophomore from Eastern Washington to serve a two-year term as a representative to the State Board of Education (SBE). In this capacity the student would also be a member of the executive board of the Washington Association of Student Councils (WASC).

This position requires an articulate student who is able to listen, observe, and provide input on issues regarding educational policy in Washington State. 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 State Board of Education and the WASC Board will require that the selected student miss approximately 15 days during each school year. It is essential that a student seeking this position have the support of their parents and their school administration.

As you read over the enclosed application and description of the position, we hope that a top quality sophomore 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](mailto:susanf@awsp.org). Thank you in advance for routing this application to an appropriate candidate.

Applications postmarked:	<b>Monday, March 1, 2010</b>
Finalists notified by:	<b>Monday, March 8, 2010</b>
Finalists interviewed (date and location to be announced):	<b>Monday March 15, 2010</b>
First State Board meeting for new representative:	<b>Thurs/Fri, May 13-14, 2010</b>

Attachments: SBE Position Description  
SBE Application Form



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### Student Representative to the State Board of Education

Each year the Washington Association of Student Councils elects a student representative to serve a two-year term on the State Board of Education (SBE). The election rotation ensures that Eastern and Western Washington are equally represented and that one junior and one senior fill the board positions. Each spring the WASC Board selects a sophomore to serve a two-year term to the SBE. In even-numbered years the representative is selected from Eastern Washington. In odd-numbered years the representative is selected from Western Washington. Meeting expenses are covered through the SBE and WASC.

### Qualifications

A nominee for **2010-2012 Junior WASC 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 east 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 WASC Board meetings.
5. Have above-average grades and be responsible to make up school work missed while attending scheduled meetings.

### Job Responsibilities

The 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 WASC Board meetings and play an active leadership role within the WASC organization.** Meetings are held in October and April with video conference meetings in September, November, January, February and March.
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.
  - 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 by Monday, March 1, 2010.**
  - e) Complete packets will be mailed to:  
Susan Fortin, WASC Director  
2142 Cispus Road  
Randle, WA 98377
3. *Finalists will be notified by Monday, March 8, 2010. Interviews will be held on March 15, 2010. The state winner will begin service at the State Board of Education meeting May 13-14, 2010.*

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

## State Board of Education Application Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*Applicant Signature*

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*School Principal Signature*

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*Student Council Adviser Signature*

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*Parent or Guardian Signature*

**Leadership Positions**

List all 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 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 and Awards**

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

Recognition or Award	8	9	10	Group or Activity