

# OASL State Representative Candidate Information

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- Read through all information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Miley or a current Executive Board member. You may access contact information through the website
- Each school may have only 1 candidate. Be sure you have the support and consent of your Advisor/Administrator before completing the application process
- Download, print, and complete the Candidate Commitment form. This form must be received by February 26th. You may either:
  - Scan and return via email
  - Fax to (937) 350-5405
  - Send by mail to:  
OASL  
124 Queens Crossing  
Centerville, OH 45458
- Complete the on-line Candidate Application. This includes your essay response to 3 questions. Allow adequate time to complete the application before beginning as you will not be able to return to it. Once you submit the application, changes will not be allowed. The application must be submitted by February 26th.
- All approved candidates will be notified via e-mail when all required materials have been received. This will occur by March 1st.

Note – Be sure you are registered for the conference via the Student Delegate Registration Form.

Good Luck!

## **OASL State Representative Election Procedures – Special Edition (Virtual)**

**Important:** Campaigning for this position may take place only during the virtual State Conference and is to be through word of mouth only. Signs, t-shirts, buttons, texts, tweets, social media posts, gifts or tokens, etc. are not permitted. Failure to comply with this will result in a candidate's disqualification.

### **Prior to Conference:**

- Be sure you have completed and submitted all necessary materials (see above) by the February 26th deadline.
- Prepare a speech that answers the following question: ***How can today's student leaders demonstrate the ideas in OASL's motto - Serve, Connect, and Inspire - to create positive change in their schools and beyond?***
  - Speech is limited to 3 minutes.
  - You are permitted to use notes when delivering your speech.
  - Props are not permitted during any portion of the election process. This includes the use of items, people, music, dance, costumes, etc. You are encouraged to focus on content and delivery of your speech, as well as working to meet and speak with as many delegates as possible throughout the conference.
  - These speeches will be recorded on Thursday evening, March 11. Please be sure you are available from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. You will need access to a device (laptop or tablet), reliable internet, and private, quiet space.

### **Conference Election Procedures**

- All candidates will need to login to the conference Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (day of conference). A current Executive Board member will meet with you during this time.
- On Saturday morning during the First General Session (10:20-11:45), all candidates will be introduced. At that time, you will have the opportunity to make a brief statement about yourself and why you are running for the position of State Representative. Statements must be no longer than 90 seconds.
- The Election Assembly begins promptly at 3:40 p.m. Senior High and Middle Level assemblies will be held in separate "rooms."
- Candidates' recorded speeches will be presented first.
- After all prepared speeches have been viewed, each candidate will, in the same order, select and respond to a question. Questions are drawn randomly and each candidate will have 1 minute to respond.
- After answering the impromptu question, candidates will state which OASL events they have attended prior to the conference. This is to be done in list form only; no commentary is permitted.

- After all candidates have completed this process, delegates will be permitted to gather with their school delegations (breakout rooms) to determine for whom they will vote. Each school may vote for up to 4 candidates (High School) or 2 candidates (Middle Level)
- Election results will be announced during the Closing General Session that begins at 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

Please note well – If you are elected, there will be a brief, mandatory meeting immediately following the Closing General Session. Please plan to remain online until 6:30 p.m.

## **Duties of an OASL State Representative**

This guide is provided so that you may consider carefully your current and anticipated responsibilities to determine how they will sync with the requirements of an OASL State Representative. If you feel that you would not be able to fulfill your duties, please do not run for this position. When you submit your application, you are affirming that these duties and obligations will be a priority for you.

### **April/May**

- Write a letter of introduction for the OASL Newsletter
- Read and study the OASL Executive Board Manual
- Attend the Meeting of the OASL Executive Board

### **June/July**

- Attend an iBELIEVE/OASL Summer Leadership Workshop

### **August**

- Attend the August Meeting of the OASL Executive Board

### **September**

- Attend Leadership at the Point/Island on the last Sunday in September

### **October**

- Attend Middle Level MADness (optional for Senior High)

### **November**

- Attend Fall Retreat

### **January/February**

- Attend the Winter Meeting(s) of the OASL Executive Board

### **March**

- Complete a written summary of your term
- Attend and preside over the OASL Annual State Conference

In addition – you are asked to help recruit schools for membership, as well as to encourage participation from students at our member schools. You are our best ambassador!

Also, we ask that State Representatives solicit sponsorships from businesses and individuals in their home area.

Finally, you will have the opportunity to submit items for publication in our OASL Newsletter

Note: Dates for all Executive Board Meetings are somewhat flexible. In general, our May meeting will occur early in the month; the August meeting will be early to mid-month. The Jan/Feb Meeting(s) may be combined and held in early to mid-February. Our final meeting takes place on the Wednesday evening prior to State Conference.

It is suggested that you discuss your intentions with any coaches, directors, etc., from whom you may need support and consent in order to fulfill your OASL responsibilities.

Transportation to and from all events and meetings is your responsibility. While at meetings, lodging and meals are covered by OASL.

State Representatives are permitted to attend all events at no cost, with the exception of Leadership at the Point/Island. For that event, you will pay the discounted ticket price only. Only 1 Summer Workshop is covered. If you attend more than 1, you will be responsible for the full registration fee.

# Ohio Association of Student Leaders State Representative Candidate Letter of Commitment

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In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of an OASL State Representative, an individual must have the time and be willing to schedule all OASL activities on a priority basis. The purpose of this page is to finalize and document your commitment and dedication to the position, should you be elected. We ask that you give this thoughtful and realistic consideration. If you choose to run, we need you to be committed!

We realize that you have other responsibilities and obligations. We do not expect you to have to set those aside. We simply need for you to make sure that OASL can be woven into your schedule and be held as a priority item. You must speak with your coaches, directors, etc. and make certain they will be supportive if an OASL event requires that you miss a practice, game, etc.

Please use the included page to list your activities and anything that could cause conflicts. As you seek the signatures of your advisor, principal, and parents, use this list and include them in your decision making process. The more proactive you are, the less likely you will encounter difficult situations if you are elected.

## **OASL Calendar at a Glance**

**Meetings:** early May; early/mid-August; late January/early February; April (in conjunction with State Conference) Meetings occur on weekends during the school year.

**Events:** Summer Workshop (July); Leadership at the Point (last Sunday in September); Middle Level MADness(late October/early November); Fall Retreat (November); State Conference (March)

**Other Responsibilities:** Contributing items to the website; Recruit new member schools in your area; Encourage participation by students in member schools; Seek business and individual sponsorships from within your community.

Please note that transportation to and from all meetings and events is the responsibility of each individual Executive Board member.

**Activities List**

Please use this page to list and describe your current and anticipated activities/obligations – anything that might come in conflict with your ability to fulfill your duties as an OASL State Representative if you are elected. Remember to be proactive and seek the support of coaches, directors, etc.

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Please explain why OASL will be a priority within your schedule.

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I understand the time requirements of being an OASL State Representative. Further, I have carefully considered potential conflicts and have gained the support of those who would be affected. If I am elected, I will faithfully complete my obligations and duties as stated in the OASL Constitution, Statements of Policy, and those that I assume throughout the year. I am prepared to treat my OASL responsibilities as matters of high priority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

My signature below indicates that I am aware of the responsibilities involved with serving as a State Representative on the OASL Executive Board. Further, I support the above named student's pursuit of this position.

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(Parent's Signature)

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(Date)

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(Advisor's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Principal's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**This form must be completed and returned by February 25th.**

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