



# Ohio Association of Student Leaders

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**67th Annual State Conference  
Port Clinton High School  
March 12-14, 2020**

Greetings!

In mid-March, the Ohio Association of Student Leaders (formerly the Ohio Association of Student Councils) will come together for its 67th Annual State Conference. With special presentations, informative small group discussions, and many opportunities to make new friends and share ideas, the 2020 conference promises to be very special!

This year, Port Clinton High School will be our host. Located in north central Ohio, the Port Clinton community is excited to welcome us, and the students and advisors are working hard to ensure a successful conference. With the support of the community and business leaders, school administrators, and school faculty, the students at Port Clinton HS are doing great things as they prepare to welcome our advisors and delegates.

Start planning now to attend! Each OASL member school may send up to fifteen\* (15) student delegates and as many adviser delegates as you'd like. In the event your school is interested in sending more than 15 delegates, please contact Connie Miley. \*Students who are approved to present Small Group Workshops are not included in your delegate count of 15.

All the information students and parents will need to know is contained within the following pages. It is a good idea to make sure each of your delegates has a copy of this information and that it is shared with parents.

The official registration forms are available on our website: [www.oasl-oh.org](http://www.oasl-oh.org). We hope your school will be represented at our 67th Annual State Conference!

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Miley, Executive Director:  
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See you at Port Clinton High School on March 12th!

## **Who Can Attend?**

**IMPORTANT:** PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER ANY STUDENT WHO CAN'T ATTEND THE ENTIRE CONFERENCE! STUDENT DELEGATES MUST ARRIVE BY 7:45 P.M. ON THURSDAY AND REMAIN UNTIL THE FINAL SESSION CONCLUDES ON SATURDAY – GENERALLY AROUND 12:30 P.M.

Each OASL member school may send up to fifteen\* (15) student delegates. Any number of adult delegates may attend. Small Group Workshop Presenters\*\* **are not** included as part of the fifteen.

\* In the event your school is interested in sending more than 15 delegates, please contact Connie Miley.

\*\*Information regarding Small Group Workshop Presenters is available in the OASL Newsletter, or you may contact any of our Program Directors:

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If your school is not a current member of OASL, you may still send students and advisors to the conference. We encourage you to join by visiting our website and clicking the Membership tab on the Home Page. The cost is only \$50.00 for new members through August 31, 2020. If you choose not to join at this time, you may send up to ten (10) student delegates and any number of adult advisors/chaperones. Please note that you will be our guests at this conference and will not be able to participate in any elections that take place.

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## **How Do You Register?**

Visit the OASL website at [www.oasl-oh.org](http://www.oasl-oh.org). Click on the Upcoming Events tab at the top of the Home Page. Choose State Conference. You will need to complete a separate Registration Form for each student attending.

You will need the following information to register a student:

- Purchase Order # (if applicable). You may supply this later by entering 00000 in that field.
- Grade Level
- T-Shirt Size (Youth Large or Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-Large)
- Household allergies (dogs, cats, smoke, etc.)
- Dietary Needs (vegan/vegetarian, gluten-free, nut allergies, etc.)
- Home mailing address\*
- Student Email\*
- Student Phone (if they have a cell phone)
- Parent Email\*
- Parent Phone\*

\* It is very important that we have all information; please do not enter your info in these fields.

Advisors/chaperones also need to complete the Advisor/Chaperone registration Form.

Please note that there are special registration forms for Small Group Workshop Presenters. SGW Presenters will receive the link to their registration form via e-mail (advisor will be cc'd) upon acceptance of their presentation. If your purchase order will include Small Group Workshop Presenters, please be sure to provide the P.O. # to those students so they can enter it on their form.

### **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 25th**

Any additional spaces will be granted to schools after February 25. Please be sure to request additional spots by emailing [connie.miley@oasl-oh.org](mailto:connie.miley@oasl-oh.org). Please include the school name and the number of spots you're requesting.

Please note:

- There will be an additional \$25.00 fee for any delegate addition/change made after March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cancellations made after March 1<sup>st</sup>. will be subject to the full \$75.00 registration fee.

**Advisors Should Attend Conference!**

Any school with students attending the conference is expected to have at least one advisor or adult chaperone also present during the entire conference. We facilitate advisor programming at State Conference to provide advisors with activities and ideas they can take back and use with their colleagues or student groups!

**Advisor Contact Hours for Licensure**

Advisors who attend conference will be able to receive contact hours for licensure. Be sure to apply ahead of time in your home district. This will be a great opportunity to learn and share new ideas and to form valuable connections with advisors from across the state.

**Hotel for Advisors**

It is recommended that advisers check in at their hotel prior to arriving at the school. There will be a reception for advisors following our opening session on Thursday evening, so it will be best to take care of your accommodations beforehand. It is suggested that you secure your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

**ADVISOR HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**

1811 E. Perry St. Port Clinton, OH 43452

Rate: \$104.00 + tax (if mention OASL)

Book by: February 12, 2020

Phone: 419-732-0007

This hotel is new and sits on the waterfront; 2 miles from PCHS

**Country Inn & Suites by Radisson**

3760 E. State Rd. Port Clinton, OH 43452

Rate: \$97.00 + tax (if mention OASL)

Book by: February 28, 2020

Phone: 419-732-2434

This hotel is located off the highway, 4.7 miles from PCHS

**Catawba Island Club**

4235 E. Beach Club Rd. Port Clinton, OH 43452

Rate: \$78.00 + tax (if mention OASL)

Book by: February 28, 2020

Phone: 419-797-4424

Private club located on the island. 8 miles from PCHS

**OASL 2020 Service Project:**

**Ottawa County**



**Summer Lunch Program**

This program benefits families throughout the region on weekends and during the summer months when school is not in session and children do not have access to school breakfast & lunch programs.

We hope your delegation will make this project a priority. Please be sure to pack all items in sturdy cardboard boxes or PAPER grocery bags. Additionally, please be certain that each box/bag contains a manageable amount of weight, particularly when canned goods are included.

Items to include:

- Mac & Cheese (individual microwave “just add water” type)
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Canned Pasta (ravioli, etc.)
- Granola Bars
- Individually packaged snacks

Thank you for your support of our 2020 Service Project!

**Hall of Ideas**

Each school in attendance at State Conference is encouraged to create a display for our Hall of Ideas. The display should highlight the great things your club/group does at your school and/or in your community. All schools are recognized for participation and prizes are awarded for the best displays. This is your chance to showcase your school. Be sure to visit the Hall of Ideas while at Conference and see the amazing things happening at our member schools! Remember – schools with the displays judged “Best” will receive a complimentary one-year membership in OASL.

[Hall of Ideas Judging Criteria](#)

### **Quick Check-In Procedure**

We check-in by school, so please try to have everyone arrive together. We ask that the advisor or designated adult/student go to the check-in tables with necessary forms and, if applicable, payments. If students will be arriving individually or without an advisor/chaperone present, please be sure they are prepared with necessary items.

At the check-in table, advisors/chaperones must turn in a completed copy of a Waiver Form and a signed copy of the Conference Guidelines for each student. The forms are included in the Confirmation Packet. It is strongly urged that advisors check to insure students have the forms before departure from your school. Please note that each student is to have a second copy of the Waiver Form to give to the Host Home “parents” upon their arrival on Thursday evening.

If you did not provide a Purchase Order # at the time you submitted the on-line registration forms, please be sure to bring a copy of the approved order. All schools using a Purchase Order will be invoiced immediately following conference. Invoices must be paid within 30 days of receipt. Your help in following up with your Treasurer’s Office is appreciated.

Registration Fees for any student or advisor/chaperone **not** included on a purchase order must be paid upon arrival. We will accept Cash, Checks (payable to OASL), or credit card (minimal additional fee will apply).

### **Discussion Groups**

A major component of our conference is the Small Group Workshops that are created by students from our participating schools. Students from the same school are encouraged to divide up and attend separate workshops. It is also essential that all students participate appropriately during the SGWs and extend courtesy and respect to the presenters.

NOTE – We encourage all participating schools to support the learning goals of the conference by having students create and facilitate our Small Group Workshops. Please see the Presenter Guidelines and Application for more information.

### **Awards and Recognition**

During a special assembly on Friday afternoon, OASL will present the following council awards:

- Consecutive Years Membership
- School Impact Award (formerly Honor Council)
- World Changers Award (formerly Army of Volunteers)
- Five Star Award
- All-Ohio Outstanding Student Leaders

Awards Applications and information are available on the website.

**The deadline for receipt of materials for all awards programs is February 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **What is the OASL State Conference?**

The OASL State Conference is a state-wide event for all schools that hold membership in the Ohio Association of Student Leaders. Non-member schools are permitted to attend the conference, but are not eligible to vote in elections. This conference is the official business meeting of the organization. The election of the student and adult representatives to the Executive Board, keynote speaker(s), small group discussions, and other interactive activities highlight our Annual State Conference.

### **What Does It Cost?**

- The conference fee is \$75.00 per person (adults and students) if registered by February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- After February 25<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee becomes \$90.00 per person.
- This fee covers all materials, meals served at the conference, speakers, and entertainment.
- Students may wish to bring a small amount of spending money as there may be snacks, t-shirts, etc. available for purchase.

### **Assumption of Risk. Release. Consent. & Waiver Form**

- This form is included in the Confirmation Packet.
- Students must download, print, and complete this form and bring two (2) copies with them to the conference. One copy must be turned in upon arrival at the conference; the other is to be given to the host family. The packet will also include the Conference Guidelines form which students must sign.
- Advisers are not required to complete these forms, but may choose to access and print extras – just in case.

### **Student Housing: Host Homes**

- All students will be housed in homes that are officially designated as Host Homes for our conference. No student will be permitted to commute, stay with a relative or a friend, or arrange for their own housing.
- Each student delegate will be assigned to a Host Home and may not change that assignment. Students from the same school will be divided up. This helps our delegates to meet and interact with students from other schools. Please do not ask for any special exceptions regarding housing.
- A minimum of two (2) students will be assigned to each host home, but often there will be more than 2.
- Any student/parent unwilling to abide by our housing policy should not attend the conference.
- Some Host Homes will not have a bed for each student and many will be advised to bring a sleeping bag and pillow.
- Host Homes will provide transportation to and from the school during the conference as well as provide breakfast for their guests.
- About a week prior to the conference, the Host School will send out housing information.

## **Rationale for Host Homes**

There are two major notable benefits to our Host Home housing policy for our Annual State Conference:

1. We are able to keep the conference more affordable, allowing a more diverse student population to participate.
2. Small schools/communities are able to host our conference because large hotels are not necessary.

In addition, our students always have great experiences with their host family and appreciate the opportunity to interact in this way with members of the community. The policy is reviewed annually. Overwhelmingly, students and advisors vote to maintain the Host Home policy for our State Conference.

All host families are encouraged to reach out to their assigned students prior to the conference. If a student delegate and/or parents do not hear from the Host Family, we suggest contacting them.

## **Conference Arrival and Departure Times**

- Conference Check-In will be open from 6:30–8:00 p.m. on Thursday. Please make sure all students will be able to arrive at Port Clinton High School during this time.
- Our closing session on Saturday will conclude between 12:15 and 12:30p.m.

**All delegates must be able to attend the entire conference! No exceptions!**

**Important Due Dates to Remember!**

- February 15, 2020
  - Small Group Workshop Presenter Applications Due
  
- February 25, 2020
  - Registration Forms
    - Adviser Registration
    - Student Delegate Registration
    - Workshop Presenter Registration
  - OASL Awards
    - All-Ohio Outstanding Student Leader
    - World Changers Award
    - School Impact Award
    - Five Star Award
  - State Representative Candidate Applications
  
- March 1, 2020
  - Last day to submit changes without a \$25.00 fee
  - Last day to submit cancellations without full cost being assessed
  
- March 12, 2020
  - Arrive @ Port Clinton High School
  - Check-In is open between 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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## **The Conference Schedule**

### **Thursday, March 12, 2020**

- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Registration, Hall of Ideas Set-Up, Tour School,  
Meet & Greet
- 7:30 p.m. Adviser Welcome Session, Student Presenters Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Opening Assembly
- 9:30 p.m. Host Families Pick Up Delegates  
Advisors Depart for Reception

### **Friday, March 13, 2020**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Students Return from Host Homes
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. First General Assembly
- 10:30-11:55 a.m. SH Small Group Workshops  
ML Large Group Assembly  
Advisor Session
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch  
Exhibits, Sales, and Student Lounge
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Small Group Workshops
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. OASL Awards Assembly
- 3:30 p.m. Host Families Pick Up Students
- 6:30 -10:00 p.m. Dinner & Dance

### **Saturday, March 14, 2020**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Students Return from Host Homes
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Election Assemblies
- 10:30-11:15a.m. Small Group Workshops; Conference Evaluation
- 11:30-12:25 Second General Assembly
- 12:30 Depart For Home