

OASC State Representative Candidate Information

- 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 Student Council Advisor before completing the application process.
- Download, print, and complete the Candidate Commitment form. This form must be **received** by February 25th. You may either scan and return via e-mail, or send by mail to:

OASC
124 Queens Crossing
Centerville, OH 45458

Or by fax: (937) 350-5405

- Complete the on-line Candidate Application. This includes your essay responses to 3 questions. Allow adequate time to complete the application before beginning. Once you submit the application, changes will not be allowed. **The application must be submitted by February 25th.**
- All approved candidates will be notified via e-mail when all required materials have been received. This will occur by March 1st.

Good Luck!

OASC State Representative Election Procedures

Please note well: Campaigning for this position may take place **only** at State Conference and is to be by 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 25th deadline.

- Prepare a speech that answers the following question: How can a student demonstrate citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership in today's world?
 - Speech is limited to 3 minutes.
 - You are permitted to use notes when delivering your speech.
 - **Props will not be permitted during any portion of the election process. This includes the use of items, people, music, dance, costumes, etc. Your focus should be on content and delivery.**
Note: This change in policy was enacted by a motion and vote of the Executive Board in January, 2013.

Friday Evening @ Conference:

- You will register with your school delegation as normal.
- After you have been registered and taken care of luggage, etc., you will need to report to the State Representative Candidate table, located in the Hall of Ideas.
 - You will have your picture taken for display throughout the conference. Be sure to dress accordingly and be ready to smile!
 - You will receive your Candidate ribbon which should be worn on your name tag throughout the conference.
 - A board member will be available to answer any questions and provide necessary information.
- Start meeting and greeting as many people as possible. Seek out those you don't know and be sure to introduce yourself. Remember that many students who attend State Conference have not attended other events.

- All candidates will be introduced early in the Opening General Session on Friday evening. Make sure you arrive on time and are present for this session.

Sunday Morning @ Conference:

- All candidates will meet with a representative from the current Executive Board at 8:45 a.m. You will be told the location of this meeting when you check in on Friday evening.
- The Election Assembly begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Senior High and Middle Level assemblies are held in separate locations.
- Candidates will present prepared speeches in the order determined during the morning meeting.
- After all prepared speeches have been given, each candidate will come forward in the same order to 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 OASC 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 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 11:30 Sunday morning. If elected, you will be called to the stage. Again, appropriate, professional dress is suggested and appreciated.

Please note well – If you are elected, there will be a brief, mandatory meeting immediately following the Closing General Session.

Duties of an OASC State Representative

This guide is provided so that you may consider carefully your current responsibilities and how they will “fit in” with the requirements of Executive Board Members. 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 OASC Newsletter
- Read and study the OASC Executive Board Manual
- Attend the May Meeting of the OASC Executive Board

June/July

- Attend an iBELIEVE Summer Leadership Workshop

August

- Attend the August Meeting of the OASC 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 a Fall Retreat

January/February

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

March

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

In addition – you are asked to help to 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 OASC 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 OASC responsibilities.

Transportation to and from all events and meetings is your responsibility.

While at meetings, lodging and meals are covered by OASC.

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 Councils State Representative Candidate Letter of Commitment

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of an OASC State Representative, an individual must have the time and be willing to schedule all OASC 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 OASC 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 OASC 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 student council 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.

OASC Calendar at a Glance

Meetings: early May; mid-August; mid-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); Super Saturday (late October/early November); Fall Retreat (November); Winter Retreat (March)
State Conference (April)

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.

I understand the time requirements of being an OASC 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 OASC Constitution, Statements of Policy, and those that I assume throughout the year. I am prepared to treat my OASC 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 OASC Executive Board. Further, I support the above named student's pursuit of this position.

(Parent's Signature) Date Signed: _____

(Advisor's Signature) Date Signed: _____

(Principal's Signature) Date Signed: _____

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