

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER  
SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Each year, a student is selected from one of the various high schools to serve as a member of the San Lorenzo Unified School District Board of Trustees. The student member attends all open regularly scheduled School Board meetings (excluding Closed Sessions) as the representative of the District's students. The student sits on the Board with the other five members who are chosen in local elections.

The two major responsibilities of the Student Board Member are to attend all open regularly scheduled School Board meetings, and preside as chairperson over the Student Advisory Council (SAC), a committee made up of each school's designated school board reporters and possibly others. The Student Board Member presents a brief report just like other board members at our board meetings. As chairperson of SAC, the Student Board Member is encouraged to hold meetings before each board meeting, but may schedule meetings at his/her discretion. SAC meetings are an ideal time to discuss not only issues facing the individual campuses, but also to share ideas and interact with other students from the various campuses Districtwide.

The duties of the Student Board Member include the following:

1. To provide continuing input for Board deliberations as other members of the board would.
2. To strengthen communications between the Board and the district student body.
3. To represent all students and facilitate the discussion of all sides of issues. This duty does not preclude the Student Board Member from voting or speaking in using their individual opinion.
4. To offer a preferential vote on all motions; the vote is recorded in the minutes but is not included in the final tally (according to state law). Also, because the Student Board Member is not a voting member of the board, that person cannot make a motion or second a motion.
5. To suggest items for the agenda.
6. The Student Board Member **does not** take the place of the high school reporters at board meetings.

The position of Student Board Member requires a significant commitment of time to: (1) prepare for and attend Board meetings; (2) prepare for and chair SAC meetings; (3) represent District students on District committees and task forces as

needed. It is important to remember that the Student Board Member represents all students and should, therefore, be aware of current concerns.

Attached is an application for the position of Student Board Member. Any student attending a San Lorenzo Unified School District school who meets eligibility requirements may apply to be the Student Board Member. Those requirements include:

- a grade point average of at least 2.5
- the student will be a junior or senior during the school year he/she serves on the Board
- the student will be on track to graduate and has no serious attendance or discipline issues.

The application must be returned with two letters of recommendation from adults who are not your parents, nor your principal, to the superintendent and Governing Board's assistant (Ann Wehrlic/ [awehrlic@slzusd.org](mailto:awehrlic@slzusd.org)) at the District Office by the last business day in May. Candidates will be interviewed by members of the interview panel in early June at the District Office. You will be notified by email as to your interview time. To be considered for the position of Student Board Member, you must be present for the interview.

If necessary, paper screening of the submitted applications will take place to select those applicants who will be interviewed. During the interview, all candidates will be asked to articulate personal experiences, background, skills, knowledge, and motivation that will serve them well if selected as the Student Board Member. After the interviews and a review of each application, the interview panel will discuss and vote on who they would like to recommend to the school board for the appointment.

If you have any questions, contact School Board President, Penny Peck, [ppeck@slzusd.org](mailto:ppeck@slzusd.org).

**APPLICATION FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Once completed, email your application to Ann Wehrlie ([awehrлие@slzusd.org](mailto:awehrлие@slzusd.org)) at the District Office.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade in 2019-2020 school year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be a junior or senior for the 2019-2020 school year)

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** (510) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Point Average:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Positions** (at school or in the community): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Extra-Curricular Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Awards and Recognition:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies/Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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This application is meant to give an overview of your qualifications and activities. **You may use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed. Please include two recommendations by adults (not parents or school principal).**

I affirm that the above stated information regarding my experiences, awards, and qualifications is true and correct, and that the essay is my original work. In addition, if I am not selected as the Student Board Member, I am willing to serve, if selected, as the Student Advisory Council Vice Chair.

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In an accompanying essay, please write a minimum of 250 words and maximum of 450 words on "why I wish to serve as the San Lorenzo Unified School District Student Board Member, and what I would hope to accomplish during my year as Student Board Member."

**PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS BY Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - [awehrlic@slzUSD.org](mailto:awehrlic@slzUSD.org)**

All applications are important. Please complete the application form in a manner that appropriately reflects your qualification for the position.

