

Board of Education Student Representative – Application

FOR STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2019

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a Student Representative on the Niskayuna Board of Education. We will be selecting one Student Representative to serve a two-year term spanning junior and senior year.

This packet contains the following components, which comprise the written application:

- Student Information Form
- Petition (75 student signatures, 5 teacher signatures)
- Short Essay Questions – to be typed on separate paper

Please follow carefully the following directions regarding the submission of the application:

1. Print this application and complete the Student Information Form and Petition.
2. Type your answers to the Short Essay Questions and print.
3. Scan your application in as one PDF in the following order:
 - a. Student Information Form
 - b. Petition
 - c. Short Essay Questions
4. Send the PDF to Mariah Mizbani, Student Representative Coordinator, at mariah.mizbani@gmail.com. Your application will then be forwarded to the Board of Education to be read and evaluated.

Timeline

- Written application due by Friday, May 26, 5 pm.
- Board of Education selects finalists for interviews by late May or early June. Finalists will be notified directly.
- Board of Education selects junior Student Representative by the middle of June.

If you have any questions or are having trouble scanning, please contact Mariah Mizbani, Student Representative Coordinator, at mariah.mizbani@gmail.com.

Student Information Form

Name _____ (Class of 2019)

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

What was the first grade during which you attended Niskayuna Schools? _____

Please check off the following guidelines regarding the Student Representative position to confirm that you have read and understand them.

- o The Student Representative may not vote and is not permitted to participate in executive sessions.
- o Student Representatives (one junior, two seniors) will alternate with each other per meeting. Effectively, each Representative is expected to attend every other Board of Education meeting, although attending every meeting is strongly encouraged.
 - o *Please carefully review the schedule Board of Education meetings, located on the district website. Make sure that you are available for those meetings, typically Tuesday evenings.*
- o Student Representatives are required to keep informed about current district happenings.
- o Student Representatives serve a two-year term.
- o Student Representatives may be removed by the Board of Education if circumstances warrant such an action.
- o Student Representatives are required to attend the monthly Student Forums meetings to be held at the High School Media Center.
- o Student Representatives are strongly encouraged to join the Student Congress homeroom, in order to keep informed about school-wide happenings.

Student Representative Petition

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TEACHER SIGNATURES

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Short Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions, typed, on separate paper. Please keep your responses under 250 words each.

1. Tell us about your background. Where do you “fit in” at Niskayuna High School, and what perspective would you bring to Board of Education discussions? Furthermore, why are you applying for this position?
2. In your opinion, what is the most pressing issue this district faces? Why is it important, and what steps could be taken to solve it?
3. Up until now, what kind of involvement have you had with the Board of Education or school and district administration? Please mention anything from attending Board meetings to sitting on stakeholder committees. (Don't worry if your involvement has been limited thus far. Inexperience will not be held against you.)