

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER  
FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**2024/25 APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Each year, a student is elected from one of the seven high schools to be a member of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees. The student member attends all open Board meetings as the representative of the District's students. The student sits on the Board with the other five adult members who are chosen in local elections.

The two major responsibilities of the Student Board Member are (1) attend all open Board meetings and (2) preside as chairperson over the Student Advisory Council (SAC), a committee made up of each school's ASB president and two additional members from each school.

Board meetings are held once a month in the Education Center Board Room at 6:00 p.m. Student Board Member presents an oral report at each meeting and attends all Regular Board meetings. The report can cover a variety of issues from focusing on individual campus activities to District activities that involve the students and/or student opinions about current or proposed school policies.

As chairperson of SAC, the Student Board Member is encouraged to hold monthly meetings, 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 seven campuses Districtwide.

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) organize SAC activities, which includes a District Spring Activity and a fall symposium on District issues of importance; and (4) 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 Fullerton Joint Union High School District school **who meets eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities and will be a senior** for the 2024/25 school year may apply to be the Student Board Member. All FJUHSD students are expected to adhere to a high standard of conduct and are required to comply with all District/School policies and regulations. A violation may constitute an immediate removal from the position.

**The application must be returned with one (only) teacher or staff member recommendation to your Principal by Wednesday, April 10, 2024.** Candidates will be interviewed by members of the SAC on **Wednesday, May 1**, at the District Office in the Board Room. You will be notified by your District email as to your interview time. To be considered for the position of Student Board Member, you **must** be present for the interview on **Wednesday, May 1**. 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 SAC will vote; each school will have one vote to cast. The results of the election will be announced on May 3, 2024, after interviews are completed.

**All candidates are invited to attend the Board meeting on March 12 or April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to observe more about the position of Student Board Member.**

If you have any questions, contact Student Board Member Katie Sweeney at Sunny Hills High School at 600022689@fjuhsd.org or Carrie Montoya in the Superintendent's Office at cmontoya@fjuhsd.org.

**APPLICATION FOR STUDENT BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Template**

**(Once completed, simply print, sign, and deliver to your Principal)**

Name

School    High School (must be a senior for the 2024/25 school year)

Home Address

City                  Zip                  School Email:

Home Telephone (        )        -        Student Cell #:

Grade Point Average                  Leadership Positions

Extra Curricular Activities

Community Activities

Work Experience

Awards and Recognition

Hobbies/Interests

Additional Information

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 one (only) recommendation by a teacher or staff member.**

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 SAC Vice Chair.

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Signature

In the space provided below, please write a minimum of 450 words on “why I wish to serve as the Fullerton Joint Union High School District Student Board Member, and what I would hope to accomplish during your year as Student Board Member.”

<p><b>PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO YOUR PRINCIPAL BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024. All applications are important. Please complete the application form in a manner that appropriately reflects your qualification for the position of Student Board Member.</b></p>
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**PREFERENTIAL VOTING STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A preferential voting student members of the Board of Trustees will be appointed in accordance with California Education Code Section 35016 and procedures described herein. The student will hold office while maintaining continuous enrollment in one of the District high schools.

Each May the Student Advisory Council shall elect one District student to be recommended for appointment to the Board of Trustees for a term of one year commencing on July 1 of the year. Even though a student member may graduate in June, the term of office shall be from July 1 to June 30.

The preferential voting student member shall have the right and duty to attend each and all meetings of the Board of Trustees, except closed sessions.

The Board of Trustees believes it is important to seek out and consider student's ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall include one student preferential voting member to the Board selected in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

The student Board Member shall be seated with regular Board members and be recognized at meetings. He/she may participate in questioning presenters and discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board Members except those related to Closed Sessions. Education Code 35012).

The student Board Member may cast a preferential vote on all matters except those subject to Closed Session discussion. The preferential vote shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. The preferential vote shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. (Education Code 35012).

The preferential voting student member shall be entitled to necessary expenses prescribed by the Education Code and approved by the Board of Trustees. He/she is not entitled to the compensation prescribed by Education Code Section 35120.

Reference: Education Code Sections 33000.5, 35012, 35016, 35120, 35147

Bylaw adopted: February 22, 1977; March 16, 1981; April 23, 1984; September 4, 2018