



Board of Education of the City of Chicago

Honorary Student Board Member Application

2020-2021

Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm on May 29, 2020. Students may submit applications in any of the following ways:

- Email: studentboardmember@cps.edu
- Fax: (773) 553-1601
- Mail to: Office of the Board of Education
Attn: Honorary Student Board Member Intake
1 N. Dearborn Street, Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60602

If you have questions, please email us at studentboardmember@cps.edu.

Student Checklist

Please use the checklist below to ensure that you are submitting a completed application. Applications with missing information will be marked "Incomplete" and will not be considered.

Step 1

If you are interested in applying for the Honorary Student Board Member position, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- An overall grade point average of at least 3.0
- Proven leadership experience
- A sponsor/chaperone who will agree to accompany you to the monthly Board Meetings

☐

Minimum eligibility criteria met

Step 2

Complete the attached application.

- Answer all questions on the application
- Include a resume highlighting leadership roles and accomplishments
- Include typed essay questions and your answers on separate sheets that should be no more than 5 pages long

☐

Application, resume, and essays completed

Step 3

Provide information for the next steps page.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the stay at home order, we will contact your school principal and your parent/guardian for consent.

- Principal contact information
- Parent/Guardian contact information

☐

Contact information provided

Step 4

Submit completed application by 5:00 pm on May 29, 2020. Applications may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Email: studentboardmember@cps.edu
- Fax: (773) 553-1601
- Mail to: Office of the Board of Education
Attn: Honorary Student Board Member Intake
1 N. Dearborn Street, Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60602

☐

Submitted completed application

Application 2020 - 2021

HONORARY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION



Name: _____ Age: _____ School ID #: _____

Home Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____ Year in School: ☐ 10th (rising Junior for 2020-2021 school year)

☐ 11th (rising Senior for 2020-2021 school year)

CPS E-mail Address: _____

Are you a member of? *(Check all that apply and include the school year you held the office.)*

☐ _____ Student Council (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary)

☐ _____ Student Voice Committee

☐ _____ LSC Student Representative

☐ _____ Student Voice and Activism Fellowship

☐ _____ CPS Student Advisory Council

☐ _____ Other student or community organizations where a leadership role was held

Are you multilingual?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list language(s): _____

Do you have experience with public speaking?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list those experience(s): _____

- 1) Please submit a resume highlighting your leadership role(s) and accomplishments.
- 2) Please answer all three of the following questions in the order listed. Essays should be typed, include the question before each answer, and no more than five pages in length.
 - a) What are the issues you believe are important to CPS students? Discuss one issue about which you are passionate.
 - b) The Honorary Student Board Member has the opportunity to represent views of students beyond themselves. How would you work to gather the input and viewpoints of the larger student community?
 - c) Describe a time where you felt like you took a leadership role or worked to make a change in your school or community.

CPS Student Advisory Council Appointed Member

If you are selected as the Honorary Student Board Member, you are expected to serve as an appointed member to the CPS Student Advisory Council. The CPS Student Advisory Council is composed of 20 youth from high schools across the city. The group advises the Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public Schools on the youth perspective of all school-related policies and issues. The Council members work in subcommittees with CPS leaders to develop action plans based on youth led research on building community investment in neighborhood schools. You may have an opportunity to participate in a summer program. As the 2020-2021 school year begins, sessions begin mid-September with the expectation of 40 hours of attendance per semester (2-3 meetings per month). Meetings are often held on CPS off days and after school.

Timeline

April 27, 2020	Application Opens
May 29, 2020	Application Deadline
June 8 - 11, 2020	Candidate Interviews
June 15 - 17, 2020	Finalist Interviews
Mid-June 2020	Honorary Student Board Member meets with Board of Education staff to review/discuss expectations/orientation
Mid-June 2020	Honorary Student Board Member introduced to Board President
Mid-June 2020	Honorary Student Board Member introduced to CPS Student Advisory Council Director
June 24, 2020	Honorary Student Board Member seated and introduced at the June Board Meeting
TBD*	CPS Student Advisory Council Summer Program*
September 2020 – May 2021	Honorary Student Board Member attends regular monthly Board Meetings (will be held every fourth Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted)
September 2020 – June 2021*	Honorary Student Board Member attends CPS Student Advisory Council sessions*

** Dates and programming for participation as an appointed member of the CPS Student Advisory Council are pending*

Next Steps

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home order, original signatures will be collected after schools open for instruction. In lieu of original signatures for the application and to meet the application deadline, we will need approval/consent from your principal and your parent/guardian.

Below, provide the contact information for your principal and parent/guardian. Upon receipt of this application, a staff member from the Office of the Board of Education will:

1. Contact your principal
2. Contact your parent/guardian

Additionally, if you are selected as the Honorary Student Board Member, your principal will need to identify a chaperone who will agree to accompany you to the Monthly Board of Education Meetings.

PRINCIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Printed Name of Principal

E-mail

Phone

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

E-mail

Phone

**Your completed application must be received by 5:00 pm on May 29, 2020.
See front cover for instructions on how to submit.**