



APA Student Council Application for 2018-2019



****ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO SUSAN WEST
IN THE APA OFFICE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 3:00PM****



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in APA Student Council! Being on APA Student Council is an important job that requires a lot of time, effort, dedication and responsibility. It also is very rewarding, gives you great memories, opportunities to have fun, and gets you involved in the Academy for the Performing Arts and the decisions that affect every student. Please read this packet carefully. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in disqualification. If you have any questions, please see Susan West in the APA Office. Be sure you know the deadlines and meet all of them!

Our ultimate goal is to create a council that accurately represents The Academy for the Performing Arts student body they will serve. If you are appointed to a position on student council, please understand that it will require a significant commitment. This time commitment includes time during the summer, after school, and on weekends.

Though appointed students are responsible for planning events and and being good role models, much of what student council is about is looking within and learning leadership skills. This group is designed to develop personal leadership skills and an understanding of group dynamics. It seeks to foster in students a better understanding of themselves and their capacity for leadership; to create an understanding of the importance of leadership in a democratic society; and to prepare students to assume leadership roles in the Academy and community.

In addition the student council is responsible for supporting all departments such as shows and fundraisers. The council also plans many APA wide activities throughout the year including: Walk for the Arts, Valentines Day Dance, Academy Awards, and much more.

As appointed student body leaders, each member of Student Council is to set an appropriate example for others at all times (both in and out of the Academy). You will be required to promote APA spirit and pride, attend all Student Council activities, cooperate with others, be positive, and be willing to go the extra mile. Students will be placed on probation for the following reasons: unweighted, cumulative grade point average below 2.0, violation of the district participation agreement, or inappropriate use of social media.

Sincerely,
Susan West
APA Student Council Advisor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan West".



APA Student Council Expectations (Initial Below)

_____I agree to conduct myself in a way that evokes respect from my teachers, other school personnel, peers, and the community both during and outside of school.

_____I understand that members must have and maintain a record of good citizenship throughout the entire term of office which includes attending and being on time to all classes on a regular basis.

_____I understand that I must currently have and maintain a cumulative unweighted 2.0 GPA.

_____I understand that while social media has a large impact on advertising and the success of events, I am solely responsible for what is posted to my social media cite.

_____I understand that these are the expectations of Student Council and if I am unable to abide by the above agreements, I may be put on probationary status.

_____I understand that student leadership **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance.

_____I understand that APA Student Council uses Canvas and it is not a grade and will NOT reflect on students GPA. This is NOT an official grade. Canvas is simply a way to keep track of your participation, commitment, service hours, and attendance of events.

I, _____, (Candidate Name) hereby accept the responsibility of becoming an official representative of The Academy for the Performing Arts and will act accordingly.

I, _____, (Parent/Guardian Name) have read and understand the above agreements. I also understand that APA Student Council **REQUIRES** after school, evening and weekend attendance and give approval for my son/daughter to apply for APA Student Council.

X_____ (Candidate Signature)

X_____ (Parent Signature)

Date_____

Date_____

(Parents if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me, before the application deadline, at (714) 536-2514 ex. 4025 or at swest@hbuhsd.edu)



APA Council Members will be **REQUIRED** to:

-Attend and Plan the Following Events:

- APA Council Meetings
 - 1st & 3rd Weds of the month that are NOT school holidays
- APA Council Breakfast at IHOP
 - June 22 @ 10am
- Main Stage Shows
 - One performance of each main stage show
- New Student Barbeque
 - Aug 21 is mock BBQ & Aug 23 is the BBQ
- APA Walk for the Arts
 - Sept 28
- Seal Beach Christmas Parade
 - Dec 7
- Valentines Day Dance
 - Feb 17
- APA Auditions
 - Dates To Be Announced
- Academy Awards
 - June 8
- Big/Little Events

-Buy the 2018-2019 APA Student Council Cardigan

This is to ensure that we are able to wear something that represents APA. We will have order forms for polos and cardigans during a summer meeting. If you have any concerns or questions, you can talk to Susan West.

-Complete 30 Community Service Hours



General Member Application for Student Council

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Major: _____ Minor (If Applicable): _____

Address: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Are you interested in being an aide during 4th period next year? YES NO

Are you interested in being an official APA REP for your department? YES NO

List all APA Classes you plan to be in for the 2018-2019 school year:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

List all extracurricular activities you plan to participate in for the 2018-2019 school year: (please answer on next page)

Current GPA: _____



Questions

Please answer the following questions completely and thoughtfully.

1. Why do you want to be a part of APA Student Council?

2. What are specific examples of how you have shown leadership in the past year?

3. Student leaders show qualities that distinguish them from others. What makes you unique?

4. In terms of leadership, what distinguishes you from other candidates and peers who also have strong leadership potential?

5. What are 3 challenges facing our APA student community and how can Student Council resolve these challenges?

::: This page is to RETURNED BY THE TEACHER in a sealed envelope, to the APA office::



STUDENT COUNCIL Teacher Recommendation Form

APA TEACHER: This student is applying for a position of a General Member on APA Student Council for the 2018-2019 school year. We would like you to make careful selections regarding each area, as these characteristics are essential to the success of Student Council. If you have any questions regarding this form, please feel free to contact Susan West. Thanks for your time and effort! **TEACHERS, please return these forms to SUSAN WEST by Thursday, April 27th.** ***We ask that the teachers put the recommendation form in an envelope and sign the seal. Any recommendation forms that do not follow this procedure will not be considered***

CANDIDATE: Please complete this section.

Student Name: _____

Current Grade Level: (please circle one) 9th 10th 11th

Major: _____ Minor (If Applicable): _____

TEACHER: Please complete this section.

Please rate the student in each area by circling the appropriate number.

(1 – unacceptable, 10 – excellent)

Responsible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cooperative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reliable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Preparedness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Is this student respected by his/her peers? YES NO

Would you recommend this student to be a member of APA Council? YES NO

Does this candidate have any other specific skills or characteristics that you think would benefit APA Student Council? Any additional comments?

Teacher Signature: _____



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Executive Board Portion

(Only fill out if you would like to be considered for positions on Executive Board)

We applaud your desire to run for an executive position in APA Student Council, however, we want to make sure that you have demonstrated the necessary leadership skills and have enough experience that you'll be able to carry out the job. We must also be satisfied that you are going to be able to balance your academic workload and student council responsibilities.

We are looking for students who have displayed proven commitment, responsibility, and leadership. Candidates should be cooperative, reliable, team-oriented, and diligent. Students must be able to multi-task, work with staff, students and administration alike, as well as other members of APA Student Council.

APA Executive Board Positions

APA Council President (2 Seniors):

As APA Council president it is your duty to oversee the council as well as lead the executive board. You shall run/hold all executive and council meetings with professionalism and efficiency. The president should know everything that goes on at The Academy for the Performing Arts, and should be able to report to staff and students what is going on at any given time. Aside from running the council, as president you must be an active member at APA. You are the face of APA Student Council, people are always watching you. This job requires someone who is able to multitask, organize events and motivate people. This person must be positive, creative, a dedicated worker and leader to all. This person must be willing to devote many hours to APA Student Council and the Academy as a whole. The president takes on the responsibility of all Council activities at APA and constantly seeks to better the programs and activities that are currently in place. (Required: Have been on APA Executive Board for **ONE YEAR!**)

APA Council Vice President (2 Seniors):

As Vice President your job is to be the backbone of APA Student Council and especially for your APA Student Council president. You must come every day and must be ready to take over presidential duties when the president is not available. You are also required to assist the Junior Vice President in planning Big/Little events (Required: Have been on APA Executive Board for **ONE YEAR!**)



APA Council Junior Vice President (1 Junior):

As Junior Vice President, your job is to oversee the committees during Council organized events. They will also be in charge of the Big/ Little Program as a whole as they will plan and organize events as well as match up the bigs/littles!

APA Council Vice President of Communications (1 Senior or Junior):

As Vice President of Communications you're expected to set up a Remind 101 account to keep all of APA Council updated on meetings, events, and other important information. You are required to keep track of new members and those who drop to ensure the correct people get the correct information.

Commissioner of Activities/Publicity (1 Senior or Junior or Sophomore):

This person is in charge of all poster making and putting up posters throughout the school. This student must be from Huntington Beach High School. They must also be able to find student council kids at other schools to promote APA on their campuses. They will also plan activities that will benefit the community such as Second Harvest Food Bank, Toys for Tots and Operation Christmas Child. This person will also make the communication between APA and HBHS very clear and interpreted well. They will work with APA's Public Relationships staff to ensure all events are official and planned.

***All positions go to the person that deserves the position and qualifies for executive board the most. In no way is it seniority and who is is a higher grade level!**

Please Order your preference of positions from 1-5. 1 being the position you want to be considered for the most and 5 being the position you want to be considered for the least.

_____ **APA Council President**

_____ **APA Council Vice President**

_____ **APA Council Junior Vice President**

_____ **APA Council Vice President of Communications**

_____ **Commissioner of Activities/Publicity**

Thank you so much for your interest in APA Student Council Executive Board!



What's Next??

- ❖ Sign up for an interview with Susan West
- ❖ Decisions made and emails will be sent out by May 29th
- ❖ We will have a **MANDATORY** all Council Meeting on June 12th

Checklist

- APA Student Council application completely filled out and contract signed by student and parent
- 1 Teacher Recommendation Form Given and Completed by an APA Instructor
- Sign up for an Interview