

APA Student Council Application for 2019-2020



*****ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO SUSAN WEST
IN THE APA OFFICE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, MAY 15TH AT 3:00PM*****

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INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your interest in APA Student Council! Being on APA 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 2.5, violation of the district participation agreement, or inappropriate use of social media.

Sincerely,
Susan West
APA Student Council Advisor



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APA Student Council Members will be **REQUIRED** to attend and plan the following events. **Please keep this page for your records**

- Attend the Following:

- **APA Council General Meetings**
 - A list of all dates will be available for all students to check.
 - Executive Board Members must also attend all Exec board meetings.
- **APA Council Breakfast at IHOP**
 - June 28 @ 10 AM
- **Do show promos every month by attending Main Stage/Second Stage Shows, hanging up posters, and posting on Social Media.**
 - At least 1 performance of each main stage show / as many Second Stage Shows as possible. This counts towards your show promos.
- **Mock New Student Barbeque**
 - August 19 @ 2pm - 5pm
- **New Student Barbeque**
 - August 21 @ 11am - 4pm
- **APA Walk for the Arts**
 - September 27 @ 2PM
- **Seal Beach Christmas Parade**
 - December 6 @ 5PM (Additional practice hours required)
- **Valentines Day Event**
 - February 16
- **APA Auditions**
 - February 22-23
- **Academy Awards**
 - June 6, 2020
- **Big/Little Events**
 - All council members are required to be either a Big or a Little depending on their grade level.
 - **Have a 2019-2020 APA Council T-shirt**
This is to ensure that you are able to wear something that represents APA. We will have order forms for t-shirts and cardigans during the IHOP summer meeting.

- Complete Community Service Hours

- Complete Show Promotions every month

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APA Student Council Positions Please keep this page for your records

Please note all EXEC & GENERAL members must do show promos, attend meetings & sign up for events!

President (Senior): Executive Board Member

As APA Council president it is your duty to oversee the council as well as lead the executive board. You are the face of APA Student Council. This person must be able to multitask, stay positive, be creative, and be a dedicated worker and leader. You must be willing to devote many hours to APA Student Council and the Academy as a whole. You will run/hold all executive and council meetings with professionalism and efficiency along with the Vice President(s). (Required: Have been on APA Exec Board for one year!) You must do show promos each month.

Vice President (Senior): Executive Board Member

As Vice President your job is to be the backbone of APA Student Council. You will run/hold all executive and council meetings with professionalism and efficiency along with the Council Presidents. You must come to all meetings and must be ready to take over presidential duties when the president is not available. You must do show promotions every month.

Junior Vice President (Junior): Executive Board Member

As Junior Vice President, your job is to oversee the committees during Council organized events and be a representative for the Junior class. You must work with the Vice President to ensure that not only the Junior class, but Sophomore and Freshman class are being represented. You must do show promotions every month.

Vice President of Communications (Senior): Executive Board Member

As Vice President of Communications you are responsible for working with Susan West on the Remind 101. You are required to keep track of new members and those who drop to ensure the correct people get the correct information in both Remind 101 and APA council. You must do show promos each month.

Vice President of Big/Little (Senior, Junior or Sophomore): Executive Board Member

As Vice President of the Big/Little program, you are in charge of outreach to all APA students to let them know about the Big/Little Program. ALL Council members must sign up to be either a Big or a Little. You are also in charge of coordinating ALL Big/Little events and outreach for the program. The Big/Little program is open to ALL APA students and not just those on council, so it is your responsibility to ensure every interested student is partnered with someone and informed on all events. Big/Little is open to students at all schools, not just HBHS. You must do show promotions every month.

Vice President of Activities (Senior or Junior): Executive Board Member

This person will plan activities that will benefit the community such as Second Harvest Food Bank, & Toys for Tots. You will also work with Susan West to plan additional fun APA council bonding activities and holiday events such as the Valentine's Day Event, the Easter Egg Hunt and other seasonal events. You must do show promotions every month.

Vice President of Publicity (Senior or Junior): Executive Board Member

This person is in charge of all poster making and putting up posters throughout the school. They will work with APA's Public Relations staff to ensure all events are official and planned. They must also encourage all student council kids at other schools to promote APA on other campuses and around the city. You must do show promotions every month as well and encourage your fellow council members to complete their show promotions each month. It is your job to get the word out.

House of Representatives Member (Senior, Junior or Sophomore): Executive Board Member

As a House of Representative Member (Department Rep), you will be required to know what is going on in your department such as all main stage and second stage shows. You are required to address council meetings of all activities going on in that department, as well as efficiently communicate with teachers and students to ensure no events are missed. You will also attend all the parent guild meetings and communicate with your guild presidents. You must do show promotions every month.

General Member (Senior, Junior or Sophomore):

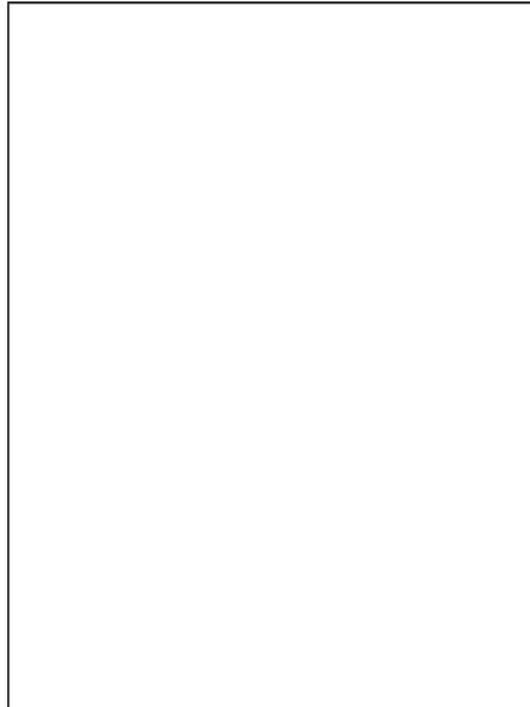
As a general member you are required to attend all meetings and volunteer at as many events as you can. Failure to attend meetings or events will result in being dropped from student council. You must also do show promotions to promote not only your major's show, but every show APA does as a whole. You must always be responsible and only sign up for events you are positive you can attend. Signing up and not showing up for an event without first telling Susan West can result in being dropped from APA council. We rely on you to have a great council!

Student Name: _____

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Please turn this in as the first page of your application



Please attach a picture of yourself above.

APA OFFICE USE ONLY

Interview Date and Time:

APA Office Notes:

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Student Council Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grad Year: _____ GPA: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Cell: _____ Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Were you on council last year? YES NO What Position? _____

How many points do you have as of today? _____ How many meetings did you attend? _____

POSITION APPLYING FOR:

If you would like to be on the exec board, **rank your top 3 choices below**. (1 being your top choice, 3 being your third choice). If you want to be a general member, **only number "General Member" with a "1" and mark no other positions**. Existing council members will be considered for exec board positions first. Not everyone will be accepted in to APA Council and even if you mark your interest in a position, that does not mean you will automatically be selected.

EXEC BOARD:

_____ **President**

_____ **Commissioner of Activities**

_____ **Vice President**

_____ **Commissioner of Publicity**

_____ **Junior Vice President**

_____ **APA House of Representatives
(Department Rep)**

_____ **Vice President of Communications**

GENERAL MEMBER:

_____ **Vice President of Big/Little**

_____ **General Member (NOT Exec Board)**

1. If you do not get chosen to be on Exec Board, will you accept a general member position? **YES NO**

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

3. List all APA Classes you plan to be in for the 2019-2020 school year:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

4. List all extracurricular activities you plan to participate in for the 2019-2020 school year:

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Short Answer 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. What would you say is your greatest strength and why?

5. Plan an APA Council Event Below: (you may use an extra sheet of paper if needed)

6. What is 1 challenge facing our APA student community and how can we resolve it?

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APA Student Council Commitment Contract (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 2.5 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 understand that if I sign up for an event then I am committing to being in attendance to that event. If I fail to show up without proper notification then I may be dropped from APA Council.

_____ I understand I must do show promotions every month. If I fail to do any show promotions for consecutive months without proper notification then I may be dropped from APA Council.

_____ I understand that as a Council Member I am automatically in APAs Big/Little program.

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 _____ X _____ Date: _____
(Candidate Signature) (Parent Signature)

APA STUDENT COUNCIL Teacher Recommendation Form

:: STUDENTS: Fill out your name, grade and major/minor, then give this page to your teacher ::

:: TEACHERS: Please put the recommendation form in an envelope, sign the seal and return to Susan West in the APA Office ::

This student is applying for a position on the APA Student Council for the 2019-2020 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, contact Susan West at: swest@hbuhd.edu

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Grade next year: (please circle one) 10th 11th 12th

Major: _____ Minor (If Applicable): _____

**Teachers, 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

1. Is this student respected by his/her peers? **YES** **NO**
2. Would you recommend this student to be a member of APA Council? **YES** **NO**
3. Does this candidate have any other specific skills or characteristics that you think would benefit APA Student Council? Any additional comments?

X _____
Printed Teacher Name

X _____
Teacher Signature

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Application Checklist

Please keep this page for your records

- APA Student Council application completely filled out with commitment contract signed by student and parent.
- Turn in pages: **5 - 8**
- Keep pages for your records: 1 - 4, 11
- Give **page 9** to a teacher and have **them return to APA office sealed and signed.**

What's Next?

- Sign up for an Interview Time
- Have Interview at appointed time and date.

(Make sure your Letter of Recommendation from your teacher has been turned in to the APA Office by this time.)

- Wait for Results
 - ❖ Results will be posted before the first Summer IHOP Meeting. Applicants will be notified