

# APA Student Council Application for 2020-2021



- Applications are due by email no later than **April 18th** to: [swest@hbuhsd.edu](mailto:swest@hbuhsd.edu)
- Teacher recommendation - students are to email page 9 (Recommendation Form) to their teacher of choice. Please ask your teacher to email the completed form to Susan West: [swest@hbuhsd.edu](mailto:swest@hbuhsd.edu).
  - The deadline for teachers to return form is **April 20th**.
- Students are to follow the link on page 11 and sign up for interview date/time range as soon as possible.

**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 is also 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 being good role models, 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 prepare students to assume leadership roles in APA and community.

In addition the student council is responsible for supporting all departments such as attending and promoting 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



APA 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.
- **APA Council Breakfast at IHOP Beach BLVD.**
  - Picking Fruit Groups for New Student BBQ
  - Order form council t-shirts and cardigans
    - June 26, 2020 @ 10am
- **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.
- **New APA Student Call Bank**
  - July 8, 2020 at 1pm
- **Mock New Student Barbeque**
  - August 19, 2020
- **New Student Barbeque**
  - August 21, 2020
- **APA Walk for the Arts**
  - Sept 25, 2020
- **Seal Beach Christmas Parade**
  - December 4, 2020 (Additional practice hours required)
- **Valentines Day Event**
  - February 14, 2020
- **APA Auditions**
  - February 20, 21, 27 and 28, 2021
- **Academy Awards**
  - June 12, 2021
- **Big/Little Events**
  - All council members are required to be either a Big or a Little depending on their grade level. 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.
- **Have an APA Council T-shirt or Cardigan**

**- Complete Community Service Hours**

**- Complete a minimum of 5 show promotions every month**

## APA Student Council Positions Please keep this page for your records

### **President (Senior): Board of Directors**

As APA Council president it is your duty to oversee the council as well as lead the executive board and the Board of Directors. 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 help run/hold all board of directors and general all council meetings with professionalism and efficiency along with the Vice Presidents. (Req: Have been on Exec Board for 1+ year(s))

### **Vice President (Senior): Board of Directors**

As Vice President your job is to be the backbone of APA Council. You will help run/hold all Board of Directors and all 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 isn't available.

### **Junior Vice President (Junior): Board of Directors**

As Junior Vice President, your job is to oversee the committees during Council organized events and be a representative for the Junior and underclassmen. You must work with the Vice President to ensure that all classes are being represented. You will attend the Board of Directors meetings in addition to the general Meetings.

### **Parliamentarian (Senior or Junior): Board of Directors**

This person is the official notetaker at all All Council Meetings and Board of Director Meetings. Though you are not on the Board of Directors, it is your responsibility to attend each Board of Director and All Council meeting.

### **Commissioner 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 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.

### **Commissioner of Activities (Senior or Junior): Executive Board Member**

This person will plan activities that will benefit the community such as Beach Cleanups & Operation Christmas Child. You will also work with Susan West to plan additional fun APA council bonding activities and holiday events such as Valentine's Day Event, the Easter Egg Hunt and other seasonal events. You are required to plan and implement at least 4 events per year to keep this position.

### **Commissioner of Publicity (Senior or Junior): Executive Board Member**

This person is in charge of all poster making and social media promotion creations. You will work with APA's Public Relations staff to ensure all events are official, planned and follow the guidelines of creating social media posts. You must do show promotions every month and encourage your fellow council members to complete their show promotions each month as well. It is your job to get the word out and create effective social media posts.

### **Commissioner of Inter-School Activities (Senior or Junior): Executive Board Member**

This person will plan activities that will benefit APA students at all highschools, not just HBHS. This person must attend a different school than HBHS and create a contact at each highschool in the district to ensure information is getting to all high school locations. Make sure posters are being hung up for APA at all HBUHSD schools.

### **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.

### **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!

# APA Student Council Application for 2020-2021

*Please turn this in as the first page of your application*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year (Circle): 10th 11th 12th

Are you on APA Council now (circle)? YES NO If yes how many points do you have \_\_\_\_\_



Please attach a current picture of yourself above.

**APA OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Interview Date and Time:**

**APA Office Notes:**

**APA Student Council Application: 2020-2021**

**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 19-20? YES NO If Yes 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 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**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Junior Vice President**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parliamentarian**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner of Publicity**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner of Activities**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner of Interschool Activities**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner of Big / Little Program**

\_\_\_\_\_ **APA House of Representative**

**GENERAL MEMBER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **General Member**

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

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

3. List all APA Classes you plan to be in for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. List all extracurricular activities you plan to participate in for the 2020-2021 school year:

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**APA Student Council Application: 2020-2021**

**Short Answer Questions** Please answer the following questions completely and thoughtfully.

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

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

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**3. What is the #1 challenge facing our APA student community and how can we make it better?**

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**4. Plan an APA Council Event Below: (This can be an existing or new event we have not done yet)**

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**APA Student Council Application: 2020-2021**

**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 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 page.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the importance of the APA New Student BBQ Event on **Friday August 21** and the important role that every APA Council member plays in the event that kicks off the start of every new APA student's time at APA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my contact information may be given out to fellow Council members.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that student leadership will require after school, night & weekend attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that APA Council uses Canvas. I know it is NOT an official grade and will NOT reflect on my GPA. Canvas is a way to keep track of your participation, commitment, and attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 a minimum of 5 show promotions every month. If I fail to do any show promotions for consecutive months then I will be dropped from APA Council.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that these are the expectations of Council and if I am unable to abide by the above agreements, I may be put on probationary status or removed from Council.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (**Candidate Name**) hereby accept the responsibility of becoming an official representative of the HB The Academy for the Performing Arts as well as the APA Student Council 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 & major/minor, then give this page to a teacher

**:: TEACHERS:** Please fill out and email directly to Susan West:

[swest@hbuhds.edu](mailto:swest@hbuhds.edu) **BY DEADLINE: April 20th ::**

This student is applying for a position on APA Student Council for the 20-21 school year. We would like you to make careful selections regarding each area, as these characteristics are essential to the success of APA Council. If you have any questions, contact Susan West at: [swest@hbuhds.edu](mailto:swest@hbuhds.edu)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2020-2021: (please circle one)                      10<sup>th</sup>                      11<sup>th</sup>                      12<sup>th</sup>

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Teachers, please rate the student in each area by circling the appropriate number  
(1 – unacceptable,      10 – excellent)**

<b>Responsible</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Cooperative</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Reliable</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Leadership</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Preparedness</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

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?

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X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Teacher Name

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Teacher Signature

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# Application Checklist

**Please keep this page for your records**

- APA Student Council application completely filled out with the commitment contract signed by student and parent due by April 18.
- Turn in pages to the APA Office: **5 - 8**
- Give **page 9** to a teacher and have **them return to the APA office sealed and signed**. Due by April 20
- Keep pages for your records: 1 - 4, 11

## What's Next?

- Sign up for an Interview Time here:
  - [tinyurl.com/APA-COUNCIL-MAY-INTERVIEW](https://tinyurl.com/APA-COUNCIL-MAY-INTERVIEW)
- Have an Interview at the 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 announced during the week of Academy Awards.