



Sheridan School District
Student School Board Representative Application

A student representative provides student views and suggestions for the development of educational policies and programs. The primary goal of the Student Representative is to give input on issues that affect all students and work together with the School Board to promote open communication between the School Board and the students of the Sheridan School District. To expand student voice and to share the duties among a team, up to two students will be recommended to share responsibilities of the role. Student Representatives are encouraged to participate in discussions, but may not vote on them. The students will be recognized in Board discussion in the same manner as Directors.

About the Student Representative Role

Eligibility: Any high school student, Junior or Senior, who is enrolled in Sheridan High School, and who is dedicated and committed to being an advocate for Sheridan School District youth can apply to be a student representative.

Benefits: The student representatives will gain a wide array of leadership skills that can strengthen future college applications and/or be beneficial in their future career.

Term of office: The student representatives can serve a one-year term beginning in September and ending in June.

Time Requirement: The Student Representative on the school board will attend all regular school board meetings while school is in session, typically the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. The exact schedule and other information about the board is available at <https://www.sheridan.k12.or.us/school-board/>

The Selection Process for Student Representatives

All applications will be screened by the Superintendent. A committee made up of the Superintendent, high school principal, and school board members will review completed applications and interview all eligible candidates. The committee will review applications looking for those that best demonstrate their desire to be a voice for Sheridan School District students. The School Board will vote on up to two candidates to serve as Student Representatives. The students will be advised by the Superintendent, along with an appointed School Board Member.

Statement of Understanding: I have read and understand the information about the Student Representatives and the description of the selection process. If I am selected to the position of Student Representative, I will perform the responsibilities of the student representative to the best of my ability.

Recommendations:

- The Sheridan School Board highly recommends that all students applying ask for support from a trusted adult to complete the application
- Take your time answering the essay questions attached. It is recommended you answer them in a separate word document and paste your answers here.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Grade: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

List the names of two high school staff member references

Reference Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Thank you for applying. You will be notified of the status of your application. If you have any questions, please contact Cale George at 971-261-6959, or cale.george@sheridan.k12.or.us

Please answer the following essay questions:

1. Why would you like to be a high school Student Representative to the Sheridan School Board? (250 words)

2. What involvement have you had at Sheridan High School and in the Sheridan community, and what has that involvement meant to you? (250 words)

3. If you could change one aspect of the Sheridan School District, what would it be, and how would you change it? (250 words)

4. What are some leadership skills you have admired in others? If selected as Student Representative, what skills would you like to develop?

5. Representing all Sheridan School District students and advocating for authentic youth voice are crucial roles as the Student Representative. What does youth voice mean to you, and what are ways you plan to honor these roles if appointed to this position? (250 words)