

Student Council Application – for OFFICERS
Trinity Lutheran High School

Being an **officer** of the TLHS Student Council is an important task that takes commitment and PRESENCE. Your participation is crucial for every event. You must be willing to work hard, be flexible in your schedule, help Student Council when you are called upon, be in touch with what the other students want or ask of you, and do your very best to guide the group toward its goals. A good student council officer is a leader, a listener, a caregiver, and above all a servant. Reflect on Jesus’ example:

...just as the Son of Man [Jesus] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." – Matthew 20:28

Learning to serve your peers and teachers at TLHS takes patience and perseverance. When events are planned carefully and go well, a hearty thank you is what you *may* receive from those around you. There are many unseen tasks that the Student Council performs which go unnoticed, yet that is exactly what serving is about.

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. – Matthew 6:3-4a

As a previous member, you should already know what to expect and what will be expected of you in Student Council. **Failure to productively participate and/or help out with planning and carrying out events will result in dismissal from the Council.** Another officer will be asked to step in or an election will take place to fill the vacant position if needed.

REVIEW application carefully. Completion of this form requires **parent signatures, 6 student recommendations and 3 current teacher recommendations**. Upon submission, your application will be reviewed to determine if you are eligible for a leadership position. Those eligible, hopefully can agree among themselves which role to fill with the advisor’s consent. If agreement cannot be reached, names will be placed on a ballot for Student Council elections among the entire student body.

Student Pledge - If I am elected as a Student Council Member, I understand and accept the following...

1. Throughout my term, I am serving and representing...
Our God ****Trinity Lutheran High School **** the Community at Large
2. I will be active in all Student Council sponsored events and will work to make each event special. (See page 3 for tentative calendar of events.)
3. I will attend and participate in the Student Council meetings. I understand that if I accumulate 3 unexcused absences from meetings or events throughout the year, I may be dismissed from Student Council by the Advisor. *(An unexcused absence is purposely failing to do assigned activity, missing a meeting or event.)*
4. I will positively support and work with each member of the Student Council to the best of my ability.

(Full Name of Student Printed) (Full Name of Student Signature) (Date)

Student Information - Please write very neatly or you may reproduce this page in a word processing application, yet please follow the format below. If necessary, you may continue on the back.

Name of applicant: _____

Grade in school 2019-2020 _____

Previous experience on Student Council _____
(List positions and years)

Reflect on the coming year, your classes, your extracurriculars and your possible job. How do you plan to make Student Council functions a priority? Please list the other activities you'll be scheduling around.

What do you expect of the other officers and representatives around you with regards to meetings and events? How do you plan to encourage your fellow Council members, in order to meet some of these expectations?

As a leader of the TLHS student body, teachers and students will look to you as an example of the good role model. You will be expected to encourage the best in others, *as well as discourage negativity*. How do you plan to do this? Be specific.

Conflicts arise as a group gathers to discuss, plan and put into action ideas and events. What are some specific ways in which you can help guide our Council through inevitable conflicts?

Criticism is also part of life and a part of leadership, especially when something does not go as planned. When you are criticized in the coming year, what are specific ways in which you can deal with that criticism, and grow from it without alienating your fellow council members.

Communication is key to keeping all SC members working well together and for the student body. In what ways will you be proactive about communicating with other SC members and also with the Student Council faculty advisor?

Parent / Guardian Endorsement

I, as **the parent** of a potential Student Council OFFICER, do understand that my student will be responsible for attending, LEADING and participating in Student Council events. Flexibility is important as the Student Council may be called upon to assist in activities without much notice. I have read this form and am aware of the commitment that for which my student is applying. I am also aware and prepared to transport my student to the events outside the school day (if unable to transport him/herself).

(printed name of parent / guardian) _____
(signature of parent / guardian) _____
(date)

Student Council Calendar:

School year: *7:30 am meetings, 1st Monday of each month (unless otherwise stated)*

Aug & Sept: Class shirt order organization/ Yearbook Dance/ See You at the Pole

Oct & Nov: Murder Mystery/Pastor Appreciation Month/Veteran's Day

December: Set-up & Decorate Christmas Tree/Christmas Family Shopping & Work Day

Jan & Feb: Lutheran Schools Week / Winter Formal

Mar & Apr: Dance Marathon / SC next year recruitment

May: Prom/ Teacher Appreciation Week

Additional activities include: Making thank you calls, Writing letters and announcements, Advertising for events (bulletin board & posters), Making phone calls to solicit peer & adult help, Decorating for dances, Preparing food for events, Setting up & cleaning up for dances & events, etc.

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Student Recommendations

Candidates for OFFICER - Request signatures from 8 students of different grade levels (**two** from 9th, **two** from 10th grade, **two** from 11th grade, and **two** from 12th grade). **ALSO officer candidates should NOT request signatures from peers that were on Student Council during the 2018-2019 school year.**

Students:

By signing below, you agree that this student is a committed/responsible person who will help LEAD Student Council to serve Trinity Lutheran High School students to the best of his/her ability.... will listen to and help support his/her peers, will respect and obey those in authority of Student Council and of TLHS (teachers and administrators).

Name of Student seeking to be officer of SC: _____

printed student name**	signed student name	grade	date
		9th	
		9th	
		10th	
		10th	
		11th	
		11th	
		12th	
		12th	

***Student recommendations should be from those NOT currently participating in Student Council.*

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Current Teacher Recommendation

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Date completed: _____

Dear Teacher:

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Please complete this recommendation. **Return it directly to Mrs. Bumbleburg**. Thank you for taking the time to help me in this process.

Teachers please consider the applicant's character in regards to the hard work and dedication it takes to represent you and all of *Trinity Lutheran High School* as a member of Student Council.

Please reflect on the following character attributes of this candidate:

- Demonstrates honesty and respect toward teachers and peers
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- Is obedient and courteous
- Responsible and persistent in completing assigned tasks (Willing to work hard)
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations
- Sets good examples for peers and discourages poor behavior
- Reliable in attendance

Teachers please check off the description that you feel best describes the applicant's qualifications for candidacy for Student Council:

Highly recommend without any reservations _____
Recommend without any reservations _____
Recommend _____
Recommend with reservations _____
Do not recommend _____

Teachers, please feel free to make any additional comments regarding the applicant's qualifications and/or your recommendation.

Signature of CURRENT Teacher _____ Date _____

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