



YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATION 2015-2016

Eligibility:

1. Maintain grades above 75 each six weeks.
2. Maintain a grade of "E" or "S" in citizenship on the report card at the end of each six weeks.
3. Have all homework completed on time.
4. Have all classwork completed on time.
5. Strive to be well organized.
6. Have the ability to work well with others.
7. Maintain 95% or higher school attendance.
8. Be punctual to school, class, and Council meetings.
9. Attend 90% of Student Council meetings.

How to Apply:

1. Carefully read the information below and follow the directions on this page.
2. Complete the Student Council Application. The completed application must be returned to **Mrs. Keaton at the YWLA by Friday, September 4th by 3:40pm.** *Late applications will not be accepted.*

Open Officer Positions:

High School Officers (9th- 12th Grade)

***All officers must be enrolled in Leadership Class.*

- President
- Vice President
- Parliamentarian
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations

Committee Chairmen will be selected by application and interview panel in the coming weeks.

- *Historian*
- *Pride & Patriotism*
- *Energy & Environment*
- *DASH*
- *Teacher Appreciation*
- *Teens in the Driver's Seat*

Election Process:

- Student Council officers will be elected by their grade level.
- **The elections will be held Friday, September 11th.**
- Candidates may campaign September 8th – 11th.
 - Students may campaign with ONE POSTER to be hung in the YWLA Café and ONE ADDITIONAL FORM OF APPROVED CAMPAIGN MATERIAL. Approved items to campaign with are as follows:
 - Pencils
 - Buttons
 - Flyers
 - Talk to classmates
 - *Any other items must be approved by Mrs. Keaton BEFORE distributing.*
 - Talking to classmates is the best form of campaigning.
 - All posters and flyers must be approved by Mrs. Keaton with her signature before being hung. Posters may not be placed on painted walls. If flyers are passed out, any left behind on tables or floors must be picked up by the candidate.

Food in any form- before, during or after school- is NOT allowed. Anyone who passes out food or candy will be disqualified from running.

• VIDEOTAPED ELECTION SPEECHES:

All candidates running for an elected position must give a short one to two minute speech that will be videotaped by Mrs. Keaton and shown during advisory on Election

Day. Students must bring a written draft of their speech to Mrs. Keaton at the time of filming. This is an opportunity to introduce yourself and explain why you are the best candidate for the job. Do NOT spend your time negatively degrading your opponent, the Academy or making promises you cannot keep.

- Speeches should include the following:
 - Why are you running?
 - What good qualities do you have?
 - Why should people vote for you?
- Written draft of speech must be turned into Mrs. Keaton by Tuesday, May 26th.
- All campaign materials must be removed and discarded following elections.

Election Timeline:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Information</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
September 2 nd	StuCo Officer Information Meeting	Advisory	Rm 244
September 4 th	Application due to Mrs. Keaton	by 3:50pm	Rm 244
September 8 th	Campaigning begins	7:30am	YWLA
	Speeches due to Mrs. Keaton	by 3:50pm	Rm 244
September 9 th & 10 th	Video Speech with Mrs. Keaton	Advisory	Rm 244
September 11 th	Watch Speeches during advisory	Advisory	Advisory
	Vote for Officers	Advisory	Advisory
September 14 th	Announce StuCo Officers	Morning Announcements	

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mrs. Samantha Keaton
 Student Council Sponsor
 samantha.keaton@fwisd.org

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Name _____

Position _____

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Name _____ Grade _____

Email Address: _____

Position Applying for _____ Advisory Teacher _____

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Describe three qualities or skills you possess that would be beneficial to your role in Student Council:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List all extracurricular activities you plan to participate in for the next school year:
(*Cheerleading, Athletics, Youth & Government, etc.*)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List any previous leadership positions/experiences:

If you could possess any super power what would it be? How would that power make you a better leader?

Student Support:

Each applicant must receive five student signatures backing their candidacy. The student signatures are not votes for the candidate but rather a confirmation that the candidate is capable of holding the position and fulfilling the duties.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Teacher Support:

Each applicant must receive two teacher signatures backing their candidacy. The teacher signature is verification that student has the skills and drive to be a YWLA StuCo officer.

1. _____
2. _____

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- Yes No Do you understand that Student Council requires dedication, responsibility, hard work and after school time?
- Yes No Do you understand that you will have to provide transportation (if the activity bus is not available) to and from all morning/afternoon meetings and activities?
- Yes No Are you willing to make these commitments?
- Yes No I have read and understand the YWLA Constitution. *(Available online at the YWLA Student Council Website.)*

I, _____, understand that as a member of Student Council and a leader of the Young Women's Leadership Academy, I must set a good example for my peers. I will abide by all school rules and policies. I must maintain a **90% attendance average** to all Student Council events. I understand that failure to follow the rules and policies set by the Young Women's Leadership Academy as well as those stated in the Student Council Constitution may result in my dismissal from Student Council.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

My child and I have read the application, Constitution, eligibility criteria, and the duties of the office and understand the commitment my child is making to Student Council.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER

I, _____ (print your name) wish to declare my candidacy for Young Women's Leadership Academy High School Student Council Officer. By signing this declaration of candidacy, I confirm that I have read the entire document and I will:

- Consider my position as a student body officer as a trust and not use it for personal gain.
- Be constantly aware of my position of student leader, and thereby always act in a manner that demonstrates self and school pride.
- Solicit ideas and opinions from all students of the school and work to incorporate their views in the deliberations and decisions of the Student Council.
- Devote sufficient time, thought, and commitment to my student government responsibilities to insure that the goals of the student council will be accomplished.
- Remember that the basic function of Student Council is to serve the best interest of the students.
- Avail myself of the opportunities for development of my potential as a student leader through participation in workshops, hands on experience and other educational situations available to me.
- Remain conscious of the view of others have of my actions and do my best to be a good role model for others to follow.
- Maintain a 75 or higher in all classes. I realize that I will be removed from office upon failure to do this. (See YWLA Constitution for more information.)
- Refrain from the use, association or possession of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, narcotics, or hallucinating agents. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from office for the remainder of the year.
- Obey all school rules, policies, and all laws of the community. Should my actions at school or in the community ever result in conviction of a crime, or suspensions from school, I shall expect to be removed from office for the remainder of the year. This shall apply to any violation, on and off school premises at any time, during the entire year in which I am holding office.

Commitment Statement:

I acknowledge and understand that by seeking a position as Student Council officer that I am pledging myself to service for the period of one year beginning at the end of the election year and running through the end of the next school year. Procrastination, uncooperative attitudes, non-participation, or non-commitment will not be tolerated. I understand that there are times when my participation during off school hours is required, and my continuance in an officer position will depend on my dependability and work ethic. Student Council officers are required to be at ALL Student Council functions and meetings. Application to be an officer for Student Council implies an understanding that participation and assistance in Student Council events is mandatory or you may be removed from your position. Officers must also meet academic eligibility requirements each six week or be removed from office.

I therefore commit to these responsibilities and state that I am willing to serve as an officer of the Young Women’s Leadership Academy High School’s Student Council.

I am committed to:

The School: I am responsible to all students of the school and not solely to those who elected me, nor to any organization to which I may be a member.

Individuals: I have a direct concern for every student in the school. As an integral part of my duties, I represent the authority and responsibility of the Student Council. This represents the authority of the majority and must be exercised with as much concern for the least influential as well as the most influential member of the student body.

Students: My actions as a student body member may affect the morale and assertiveness of students to perform to the best of their ability and should encourage their educational development. As a student leader, I should also do my best to perform at my own capability and set a good example for all students.

Rules/Policies: I must be aware of and comply with the Young Women’s Leadership Academy High School policies. My position does not allow me special privileges.

Decision Making: It is my obligation to participate in decisions pertaining to the student body. As an elected officer of the students, I can neither relinquish nor delegate this responsibility to any other individual.

I have read and understand this declaration of candidacy and commitment statement and agree to uphold them on and off campus.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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