

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

NOTICE TO GRADE 11 STUDENTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 2015-2016

The Governor appoints two public school students entering their senior year to serve as non-voting members of the Connecticut State Board of Education for a one-year period. Student Board members participate fully in discussions about education policy and lend an important perspective to Board deliberations. We encourage all eligible students to consider applying for membership on the Board (July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016).

ARE YOU QUALIFIED?

Students who wish to apply for membership on the Board:

- Must be enrolled in a public high school; and
- Must have at least a B+ average; and
- Will have completed Grade 11 prior to July 1, 2015; and
- Must be able to attend monthly all-day meetings in Hartford (usually the first Wednesday of each month).

HOW TO APPLY

If you meet all of the above qualifications and wish to apply for membership on the Board, please submit the following: (1) application form; (2) three reference letters from your teachers or school administrators; (3) your resume; and (4) a one-page statement describing what you consider to be the most critical issue(s) in public education today, and why you believe you are qualified to serve on the Board.

DUE DATE

Complete application packages must be postmarked on or before March 16, 2015, and sent to:

Pamela V. Charland, Assistant to the Commissioner
Connecticut State Department of Education
165 Capitol Avenue – Room 301
Hartford, CT 06106

SCREENING PROCESS

The State Student Advisory Council on Education will review all application packages. Based on its review, the Council will select applicants for interviews to be conducted in the spring. At the conclusion of the interview phase, the Council will recommend five candidates to the Governor for his consideration. The Governor will interview the five finalists, and appoint two students to the Board for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2015.

QUESTIONS?

Should you have any questions concerning the State Board of Education, please review the Board's website at www.ct.gov/sde. If you have questions about the application process, call Pamela Charland at 860-713-6510.

APPLICATION FORM
for
STUDENT MEMBER OF THE
CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____ **Address:** _____
(street)

Telephone: (____) _____ (home) _____
(____) _____ (cell) (town) (zip code)

E-Mail Address: _____

High School: _____
(name and town of school)

I have enclosed all required application materials:

- this completed Application Form; and
- three reference letters from my teachers or school administrators attesting to my suitability to serve on the State Board of Education; and
- my resume; and
- a one-page statement describing my perspective on an education issue(s) I regard as most important, and my qualifications for membership on the Board.

I attest that I meet the eligibility criteria (i.e., I am enrolled in a public high school; I have at least a B+ average; and I will have completed Grade 11 by July 1, 2015). I understand that if appointed, I will attend monthly all-day meetings in Hartford and will be responsible for my own transportation.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
(signature of applicant)

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2015. (Applications postmarked after March 16th will not be accepted.)

SEND TO:

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