

Olean City Schools Board of Education Student Member Application

Recommendations:

- We highly recommend that all students applying ask for support from a trusted adult to complete the application.
- There are **TWO** sections to this application (questions about you and short essay questions) – please answer all sections!
- Don't forget to sign the Statement of Understanding
- Ask for letters of recommendation as soon as possible. (**See more information below.**)

**Applications must be received by 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday,
April 28, 2024.**

Student Name:

Grade:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Parent (Guardian) Name:

Parent (Guardian) Phone:

About the Application Questions:

In the section below, there are five short essay questions. Please limit all written responses to 250 words. You may attach an additional page for your responses if needed.

Also note that we ask for **TWO letters of recommendation**; (Get these asks out right away!), one from Olean CSD staff and one from an adult that is not related to you. (supervisor, coach, mentor, community member, etc.)

The letters should be no more than 1 page long and answer the following questions:

- Who they are and their relationship to you
- What leadership qualities do they identify in you

- Why they believe you would be a strong candidate for the student serving on the Olean Board of Education

Five Short Essay Questions

1. Why are you interested in serving as a student representative on the Olean City Schools Board of Education? (250 word limit)
2. What strengths do you bring to the Board of Education? (250 word limit)
3. What are some leadership skills you have admired in others? If selected as a student representative, what skills would you like to develop? (250 word limit)
4. Describe a time in which you encountered a challenge. How did you identify it as a challenge? What was your response? (250 word limit)
5. Representing all Olean City School students and advocating for authentic youth voice are crucial roles as the student board representative. What does youth voice mean to you, and what are ways you plan to honor these roles if appointed to this position? (250 word limit)

Please return this completed application, signed statement of understanding, and **TWO** letters of recommendation, one from an Olean City School District staff and one from an adult that is not related to you (supervisor, coach, mentor, community member, etc.) to:

Dr. Genelle Morris

Superintendent

Olean City School District

410 West Sullivan Street

Olean, NY 14760

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Email: gmorris@oleanschools.org

We will contact you after the application deadline closes on **April 28, 2024**. Thank you for applying, and we look forward to reviewing your application!

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. I understand that Board of Education meetings may be videotaped or video conferenced. I may appear in social media, publications, posters, brochures, or newsletters; or district or school websites, radio stations, or TV.

First and Last Name of applicant (please print):

Signature of applicant:

Date

Signature of parent or guardian:

Date