Freshmen Student Leadership Informational Packet 2026-2027

Application due by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026.



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Dear Cougars and Parents,

Congratulations on deciding to apply for student leadership! Part of what makes Carondelet such a wonderful school is the many ways in which students can become involved – particularly with student councils. It is vitally important that parents and candidates realize the commitment that involvement in student government requires.

Frosh, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Green Team, and DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Councils will meet at minimum on Tuesdays and Thursdays during zero period, as well as after school and on weekends regularly. Spiritual Life Council (SLC) will meet at least three days a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. ASB will meet everyday (except most Wednesdays) at zero period, and will also be expected to complete work outside of class time for regular tasks and special events.

Attendance is imperative at daily meetings, lunch time activities, ***night*** events such as dances, before and after school, and during lunch if needed. All too often we find these events conflict with sports commitments, student retreats, and family events. This isn't to say that there are never exceptions, but as a candidate, you should take a serious look at both your family's obligations and your own duties, and determine whether or not you will be able to fulfill your promise to the student leadership.

All leadership positions are appointed by Student Activities Moderators after an application and interview process in cooperation with Campus Ministry and other school councils.

Students may apply for leadership and must fill out the online application form. Students will be placed in one of the following councils dependent on their interview and applications.

You are choosing to apply for leadership. Are you ready for the challenges and the demands of the student government? Can you commit yourself fully to the task? Can you balance school work and activities? Are you a team player? If you can answer "YES to these questions, then take a leap into the wonderful world of student leadership!

If you have any questions about the responsibilities that are involved, do not hesitate to contact me.

Go Cougars!

Student Leadership Review Committee

STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

I understand that as a member of either Class Council, Spiritual Life Council, Green Team Environmental Council, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, or ASB Council at Carondelet High School I agree to:

1. Comply with all school rules.
2. Be available before school, during lunch, after school, and some evenings as required.
3. Participate in the planning and implementation of all council activities.
4. Attend **all** functions sponsored by the council and assist in the setup and cleanup of the event.
5. Sign a self and school-made contract committing myself to the expectations of being a student leader
6. Once accepted, student leaders must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 throughout their freshman year

COUGAR LEADERSHIP CAMP (CLC): August 7th - 9th

Cougar Leadership Camp is open to elected and appointed student leaders only. This is our second mission-based, comprehensive leadership retreat and training for ***all*** student councils/leaders. Students will meet and learn to collaborate with other leaders and councils. CLC will provide an essential foundation that will shape school culture for the entire school year. All 2026–2027 student leaders are strongly encouraged to attend this amazing opportunity to plan, collaborate, and bond with their peers. This 3-day program costs approximately $400 and there is **financial assistance available for those who qualify.**

What to expect at CLC:	**What your $400 investment covers:**
★ Explore the CSJ Mission and Learn to Lead with Purpose ★ Identify your Gifts and Leadership Style ★ Community Building ★ Develop Skills: Media and Communication, Public Speaking, Organization, Project Management, Conflict Resolution, Collaboration, and so much more!	★ Meals and Snacks for three days and two nights ★ 2 Nights at Alliance Redwoods (s'mores included) ★ Transportation ★ Free merch ★ All necessary supplies and materials

HOW DO I APPLY?

Step 1) Decide what position you are running for (ASB, SLC, DEI, Green Team, or Frosh Council)

Step 2) Submit your application here no later than Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 by 11:59pm

Step 3) Select an **in-person** Interview time slot on June 4th or 5th, 2026.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

For Freshmen leadership positions, we do not hold elections. We have students complete an online application and an in-person panel interview. We have chosen this method of selection to allow all students to have an equal chance to shine.

ASB Council Representatives (All Grades):

- ASB requires members who are proficient in publicity, social media, event planning, logistics, spirit, and a desire to connect everything that Carondelet has to offer to the rest of the student body
- ASB is responsible for the following but not limited to: Daily announcements, *The Early Early Show,* spirit weeks, collaboration with De La Salle, communication with Councils and Clubs, faculty/staff and student recognition, lunchtime activities, St. Marty's Party, Welcome Back and Homecoming Dances, and various other spirit activities and events

Class Council Representatives (Frosh/Soph/Junior/Senior Councils are separated by grade):

- Class councils requires members who are spirited, creative, savvy in technology, organized, confident in public speaking, and can communicate and engage with their peers
- Each class council plans a variety of bonding events for their class and, at times, in collaboration with De La Salle. This includes but is not limited to monthly class meetings, lunchtime activities, speciality evening/weekend events, Frosh/Soph dance in Winter, and Junior Prom and Senior Ball in Spring

Council Member of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (All Grades):

- DEI requires members who will help to increase awareness and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion at Carondelet
- They will sponsor a number of DEI events
- Students will be selected based on their specific skill set or area of interest, including but not limited to- activities and events, social media, publicity, and education.

Council Member of Green Team (All Grades):

- Green Team Members help to create an environmentally aware and active student body.
- Responsible for making sure that all events are environmentally responsible.
- They will sponsor a number of "Green" events in order to raise awareness.

Spiritual Life Council (SLC) Member (All grades):

- Spiritual Life Council (SLC) seeks to proclaim, live out and pass on the tradition of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet by fostering a Catholic community in which women of heart, faith and courage are formed.
- Members of SLC aim to invite students and staff into a variety of spiritual experiences including retreats, liturgies, social justice and advocacy work, and more.
- Responsible for planning and leading all liturgy, daily prayer, and seasonal justice projects.