

Maryland Association of Student Councils



2026-2027 Calendar Events

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Ongoing Events:

- **Action in Middle School (AIMS)** is designed specifically for middle school students. Any middle school student is welcome to participate in sharing ideas, discussing issues, and learning more about MASC. This forum is held virtually at 6:00 p.m., on the 3rd Sunday every other month. Oct. 18, Dec. 20, Feb. 21, Apr. 18. Only need to register once.
Registration: <https://forms.gle/KkKF4BDwRDBDazJp6>
- **Divisional Forums** are open to all school and regional student council leaders, as well as any interested students, to discuss issues, share ideas, and learn more about MASC. These forums are held virtually at 6:00 p.m., on the 3rd Sunday every other month: Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, Mar. 21, May 16. Only need to register once.
Registration: <https://forms.gle/qBjb9htSGexqw6aH8>
- **Executive Board meetings** are offered both in person and virtually (except February, which is held virtually only). Any interested student is welcome to attend. Aug. 5, Dec. 12, Feb. 20, May 22
- **Advisor Fireside Chats** are 30-minute (6:30 - 7:00 p.m.) quarterly virtual discussions for advisors focused on sharing ideas, offering guidance, and connecting with fellow advisors to discuss common challenges, resources, and effective practices for supporting student councils. Oct. 5, Dec. 7, Feb. 8, Apr. 5 Only need to register once.
- **Committees** meet virtually at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of every month starting October 3, 2026. Committee applications open in August after the Advance and close on Monday, December 7. Students are appointed on a rolling basis, so apply early! Meetings: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan.3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2.
- **MASC Department Meetings** are held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Meeting credentials emailed directly to MASC-appointed staff members.

Note: Students may register themselves for all events except conferences. For conferences, a school advisor or administrator must register the school delegation, which must include at least one advisor or school system-approved adult chaperone.

Date	Event	Details
Summer 2025 Events		
May 30, 2026 Saturday: time 10:15 AM - 2:15 PM (set up 10:00 AM / Departure 2:30 PM)	Leadership Team Retreat <i>(Officers, State SMOB, Chief of Staff, and Department Directors)</i>	In-Person Location: Glenwood Branch, Howard County Library
June 9, 2026 Tuesday: 7:00 PM - 7:20 PM <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM 6/8/26</i>	Special Virtual Executive Board Meeting	Virtual only
June 13, 2026 Saturday: time 10:15 AM - 2:15 PM (set up 10:00 AM / Departure 2:30 PM)	Staff Development Day <i>(Appointed staff, state SMOB, and Officers only)</i>	In-Person with Live Streaming Long Reach High School
June 21-24, 2026 (Conference June 22-24)	VISION National Student Leadership Conference (MASC Delegation)	Pinkerton Academy Derry, New Hampshire (VISION website)
July 1, 2026 Closes the last day before Winter Break (December 23)	MASC Membership Online Application OPENS	Online Application by Advisors/School Admin. Only
July 1, 2026 Registrations Open <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 7/24/26</i> or once capacity is reached	Advance August 3-5 - overnight optional	Smith Center, Rockville
July 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MSEL July 12-17 ● SHW July 19-24 ● ALS July 12-17 	Maryland Leadership Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Middle School Experience in Leadership (grades 6-8): ● Senior High Workshop (grades 9-12): ● Advanced Leadership Seminar (for those who have attended SHW previously or have extensive leadership experience) 	Washington College Chestertown, MD
August 3-5, 2026 <i>Registration Opens: 7/1/26</i> <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 7/24/26</i> or once capacity is reached <i>Note: Registration for 8.5.26 ExBd Virtual participation closes at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 3rd</i>	Advance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Day 1-Workshop Presenter Certification ● Day 2- Certification & FLC / LegSes Training/Planning ● Day 3-Executive Board Meeting Online Registration - students register themselves and are responsible for the event fees	Smith Center, Rockville NOTE: Registration will close once capacity is reached.
<i>August 3, 2026</i> <i>10:00 AM, Monday</i>	Advance Day 1: Workshop Presenter Certification <i>(Overnight option available)</i>	<i>Smith Center</i> <i>Montgomery County</i>

August 4, 2026 9:00 AM, Tuesday	<u>Advance Day 2: Workshop Presenter Certification Conclusion, and Fall & Legislative Session Training</u> (Overnight option available)	Smith Center Montgomery County
Date	Event	Details
August 5, 2025 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Wednesday	<u>Advance Day 3: Executive Board Meeting</u> (Live stream option)	Smith Center Montgomery County
August 6, 2026 Applications close 5:00 PM, 12/7/2026	<u>Committee Applications Open</u> <i>Note: Divisional Forums, AIMS, and 2nd VP/MS Reps are open meetings</i>	On-line application
August 22, 2025 <i>Registration Opens: May 1</i> <i>Registration Closes: Aug. 21</i>	<u>2026 NA4SA Summer Workshop</u> Advisors only: Virtual Platform 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Webinar (Zoom)
Fall Events 2026		
Date	Event	Details
September 1, 2026 -Nominations Open Nominations Close: 5:00 PM, 11/16/26	<u>School Nominations</u> for the State Student Member on the Board of Education <i>Note: Each public high school principal may nominate one qualified sophomore or junior</i>	Online Nomination Form Public High School Principals ONLY
September 19, 2026 Registration Opens: Mon., 8/17/26 Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 9/5/26	<u>Workshop Presenter Certification</u> Online Registration - students register themselves and are responsible for bringing the required materials	Location TBD 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	<u>Divisional Forums</u>	Virtual Event
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 Registration Opens: Mon., 9/1/26 Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 9/21/26	<u>MASC Committee Spotlight Webinar</u>	Webinar (Zoom) 7:00-7:45 PM
September 28, 2025 (Monday) <i>HOLD on this date if needed</i> <i>Registration: Sept 8 - 5:00 PM, Sept. 26</i>	<i>Only if needed for conference bid presentations</i> <i>HOLD - Virtual Executive Board Meeting</i> <i>Online Registration - students register themselves</i>	<i>Webinar (Zoom)</i> <i>7:00-7:30 PM</i>
October 4, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meetings	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members

Date	Event	Details
October 5, 2026 6:30-7:00 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Advisor Fireside Chat	Virtual Event <i>Register once and receive information for the rest of the year</i>
October 6, 2026 Registration Opens: 9/14-/26 Registratation Closes:5:00 PM, 10/4/26	SMOB Informational Webinar Online Registration - students register themselves	Webinar (Zoom) 7:00-8:00 PM
October 7, 2026 4:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday	Regional Advisors Meeting	Virtual Event
Sunday, October 18, 2026, 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	AIMS Forum	Virtual Event
November 1, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Divisional Forums	Virtual Event
November 16, 2025 - 5:00 PM <i>Monday, 5:00 PM, 12/7/26</i> Nominee application packet deadline	<u>School Nominations</u> for the State Student Member on the Board of Education	Online Nomination Form
November 21, 2026 <i>Registration Opens:10/14/26</i> <i>Registration Closes: 11:59 PM, 11/4/26</i> <i>Signed Invoice: 11/9/26</i>	Fall Leadership Conference Online Registration by Advisors/School Administration Only Leadership Development; Networking	Location: Aberdeen High School Harford County
Winter Events 2026-2027		
Date	Event	Details
December 4-6, 2026 <i>Registration Opens: TBD</i> <i>Registration Closes: TBD</i>	National Conference on Student Activities <i>Maryland Advisors should use the KC26MD code when registering</i>	Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Coraopolis, PA
December 6, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
December 7, 2026 5:00 PM, Monday	MASC Committee Applications Close	Online applications
December 7, 2026 6:30-7:00 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Advisor Fireside Chat	Virtual Event <i>Register once and receive information for the rest of the year</i>

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Dec. 7, 2026, Deadline 5:00 PM, Monday	SMOB Student Nominee Packet deadline	Complete and upload documentation
Dec. 12, 2026 <i>Registration Opens: 11/23/26</i> <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 12/10/26</i>	Executive Board Meeting	Location TBD In-Person with optional virtual
December 14, 2026 <i>Registration Opens</i> <i>Registration Closes: 11:59 PM, 1/13/27</i>	Legislative Session - Member School Only Event: Saturday, January 30	Guilford HS (Howard Co) 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2026 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	AIMS Forum	Virtual Event
December 23, 2026 Must have the initial membership application submitted by this date	MASC Membership Online Application CLOSES	Online Application by Advisors/School Admin. Only

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Date	Event	Details
January 3, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
January 2, 2027	SMOB Nominees Interviews - Invitation Only	Virtual Interview
January 4, 2027 <i>Early Bird Closes January 29, 2027</i> <i>Payment by February 26, 2027</i>	Convention Early Bird Registration	Convention Center, OC Walkable Hotels
Jan 6, 2027 4:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday	Regional Advisors Meeting	Virtual Event
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM. <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Divisional Forums	Virtual Event
January 30, 2027 <i>Registration Opens: 12/14/27</i> <i>Registration Closes: 11:59 PM, 1/13/27</i> <i>Signed Invoice: 1/19/27</i> <i>SNOW DATE: February 6, 2027</i>	Legislative Session - Member Schools Only SMOB Nominee Selection, Legislative Stances, Leadership Development, Networking	Guilford HS (Howard Co) 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM On-site check-in 8:30-9:30 AM
January 30, 2027 <i>Closes February 26, 2027</i> <i>Signed Invoice: March 1, 2027</i>	Convention Regular Registration	Convention Center, OC Walkable Hotels

Date	Event	Details
February 7, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
February 8, 2027 6:30-7:00 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Advisor Fireside Chat	Virtual Event <i>Register once and receive information for the rest of the year</i>
February 20, 2027 <i>Registration Opens: 1/28/27</i> <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 2/18/27</i>	Executive Board Meeting	Virtual Only
Sunday, Feb. 21, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	AIMS Forum	Virtual Event
February 22, 2027 Applications Close: 5:00 PM, 3/15/27	Officer Applications Open <i>Parent/Candidate Meeting 3/16/27 7:00 PM</i>	Applications online
Feb. 26-28, 2027	National Association of Student Councils LEAD Conference - MASC DETAILS NASC WEBSITE	Washington Hilton, D.C.
March 1-5, 2027	Maryland Advocacy Week	Suggested week for Student Councils to go to Annapolis
March 7, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
March 8, 2027 Deadline 5:00 PM	Awards Deadlines	Applications online
March 10, 2027 4:00 - 5:00 PM	Regional Advisors Meeting	Virtual Event
March 15, 2027 Applications Close: 5:00 PM	Officer Applications CLOSE <i>Parent/Candidate Meeting 3/16/27 7:00 PM</i>	Applications online
Sunday, March 21, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Divisional Forums	Virtual Event
<i>March 22, 2027 - if needed</i> <i>Extended applications close</i>	Extended Officer Applications Close <i>If no applications are received for a contest by the original deadline, submissions will be accepted until 5:00 PM on March 22.</i>	<i>Applications online</i>

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March 31, 2027 5:00 PM, Wednesday	Outstanding Student Leader Online submission by regional advisor (or by school in areas with no regional organization)	Online submission
April 1, 2027 App Opens Application Closes 5:00 PM 4/22/27	Staff Applications for 2027-2028	Applications online
April 4, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
April 5, 2027 6:30-7:00 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Advisor Fireside Chat	Virtual Event <i>Register once and receive information for the rest of the year</i>
April 14-16, 2027 <i>Early Bird Registration: Opens: January 4, 2027 Closes: January 29, 2027 Payment Deadline: February 26, 2027</i> <i>Regular Registration: Opens: January 30, 2027 Closes: February 26, 2027 Signed Invoice: March 1, 2027</i>	Convention Three-day, two-night event; election of MASC Officers, Nationally Recognized Motivational Speaker, Leadership Development, Hall of Ideas, Networking, Awards Banquet, Recreation	Registration by Advisors/School Admin. Only Ocean City Convention Center and Walkable Hotels
Sunday, April 18, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	AIMS Forum	Virtual Event

Spring Events 2026

Date	Event	Details
April 1, 2027 App Opens Application Closes 5:00 PM 4/22/27	Staff Applications for 2027-2028	Applications online
May 2, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM	Committee Meeting	Meeting credentials emailed directly to committee members
Sunday, May 16, 2027 6:00-6:50 PM. <i>Register at least two days before the event to receive login credentials</i>	Divisional Forums	Virtual Event

Date	Event	Details
May 22, 2027 <i>Registration Opens: 5/1/27</i> <i>Registration Closes: 5:00 PM, 5/20 /27</i>	Executive Board Meeting Online Registration - students register themselves	Location: Eastern Technical High School (MASC President's School) In-Person and virtual option
May 26, 2026 4:00-5:00 p.m., Wednesday	Regional Advisors Meeting	Virtual Event

2027-2028 Officers and Appointed Staff

Date	Event	Details
June 5, 2027 Saturday: Time TBD	Officers & Department Directors Retreat	In-Person Location TBD
June 12, 2027 Saturday: Time TBD	Staff Development Day (appointed staff and officers only)	In-Person Location TBD
June 21-24, 2027 <i>Pre-conference June 21</i> <i>Conference 6/22-24/27</i>	VISION National Student Leadership Conference MASC Delegation Details - coming soon	Seckinger High School, Georgia

SAT and ACT dates 2026-2027

Saturday, August 15, 2026	SAT
Saturday, September 12, 2026	SAT
Saturday, September 19, 2026	ACT
Saturday, October 3, 2026	SAT
Saturday, October 17, 2026	ACT
Saturday, November 7, 2026	SAT
Saturday, December 5, 2026	SAT
Saturday, December 12, 2026	ACT
Saturday, February 27, 2027	ACT
Saturday, March 13, 2027	SAT
Saturday, April 10, 2027	ACT
Saturday, May 1, 2027	SAT

Saturday, June 5, 2027	SAT
Saturday, June 12, 2027	ACT

Federal Holidays 2026-2027

Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day
Friday, January 01	New Year's Day
Monday, January 18	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 15	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Friday, June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day

