



OASL Executive Board:

Student State Representative Candidate information Packet

- Read through all information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Miley.
- Each school may have only 1 candidate. Be sure you have the support and consent of your Advisor before completing the application process.
- Download, print, complete and submit the [Candidate Commitment form](#) (final page of this document). This form must be **received** by March 1. The Candidate Commitment form should be uploaded (as a PDF or photo) to your digital application in Wufoo.

Questions? Contact:

Connie Miley, Executive Director

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- Complete the online Candidate Application. This includes your essay responses to 3 questions. Allow adequate time to complete the application before beginning. Once you submit the application, changes will not be allowed. **The application must be submitted by February 24th.** [Here is the link to the form](#)

<https://oasc.wufoo.com/forms/m27quy11v5rero/>

- All approved candidates will be notified via e-mail on March 3rd.

Good Luck!

OASL State Representative Election Procedures

Please note well - Campaigning for this position may take place **only** at State Conference and is to be by word of mouth only. Signs, t-shirts, buttons, texts, tweets, social media posts, gifts or tokens, etc. are not permitted. Failure to comply with this will result in a candidate's disqualification.

Prior to Conference:

- Be sure you have completed and submitted all necessary materials (see above) by the stated deadlines.
- Prepare a speech that answers the following question: As a student leader, how can you best demonstrate OASL's mission to serve, connect, and inspire.
 - Speech is limited to 3 minutes.
 - You are permitted to use notes when delivering your speech.
 - Props will not be permitted during any portion of the election process. This includes the use of items, people, music, dance, costumes, etc. Your focus should be on content and delivery. Note: This change in policy was enacted by a motion and vote of the Executive Board in January, 2013.

Friday at Conference:

- You will arrive and check-in with your school delegation as normal.
- After you have checked in and taken care of luggage, etc., you will need to report to the State Representative Candidate table, located near the Hall of Ideas.
 - You will have your picture taken for display throughout the conference. Be sure to dress accordingly and be ready to smile!
 - You will receive your Candidate ribbon which should be worn on your name tag throughout the conference.
 - A board member will be available to answer any questions and provide necessary information.
- Start meeting and greeting as many people as possible. Seek out those you don't know and be sure to introduce yourself. Remember that many students who attend State Conference have not attended other OASL events.
- All candidates will be introduced early in the Opening General Session on Friday afternoon. Make sure you arrive on time and are present for this session.

Saturday Morning at Conference:

- All candidates will meet with a representative from the current Executive Board at 8:45 a.m. You will be told the location of this meeting when you arrive on Friday.
- The Election Assembly begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Senior High and Middle Level assemblies are held in separate locations.
- Candidates will present prepared speeches in the order determined during the morning meeting.
- After all prepared speeches have been given, each candidate will come forward in the same order to select and respond to an impromptu question. Questions are drawn randomly and each candidate will have 1 minute to respond.
- After answering the impromptu question, candidates will state which OASL events they have attended prior to the conference. This is to be done in list form only; no commentary is permitted.
- After all candidates have completed this process, delegates will be permitted to gather with their school delegations to determine for whom they will vote. Each school may vote for up to 4 candidates (High School) or 2 candidates (Middle Level)
- Election results will be announced during the Closing General Session on Saturday afternoon. If elected, you will be called to the stage. Again, appropriate, professional dress is suggested and appreciated.

Please note well – If you are elected, there will be a brief, mandatory meeting immediately following the Closing General Session.

Duties of an OASL State Representative

This guide is provided so that you may consider carefully your current responsibilities and how they will “fit in” with the requirements of an OASL State Representative. If you feel that you would not be able to fulfill your duties, please do not run for this position. When you submit your application, you are affirming that these duties and obligations will be a priority for you.

March/April/May

- Write a letter of introduction for the OASL Newsletter
- Read and study the OASL Executive Board Manual
- Attend the May Meeting of the OASL Executive Board

July

- Attend an OASL Summer Workshop

August

- Attend the August Meeting of the OASL Executive Board

Last Sunday in September

- Attend Leadership at the Point

November

- Attend Fall Retreat

January/February

- Attend the Winter Meeting(s) of the OASL Executive Board

March

- State Conference – your term concludes
 - Complete a written summary of your year

In addition – you are asked to help to recruit schools for OASL membership, as well as to encourage participation from students at our member schools. You are our best ambassador!

Also, we ask that State Representatives solicit sponsorships from businesses and individuals in their home area. We ask each State Rep to secure a minimum of \$250.00 in donations.

Finally, you will have the opportunity to submit items for publication in the OASL Newsletter.

Note: Dates for all Executive Board Meetings are flexible and will be determined by current board members. Meetings will be hosted virtually when possible.

It is suggested that you discuss your intentions with any coaches, directors, etc., from whom you may need support and consent in order to fulfill your OASL responsibilities.

Transportation to and from all events and meetings is your responsibility. While at in-person meetings, lodging and meals are covered by OASL.

State Representatives are permitted to attend all events at the base cost. Financial assistance will be provided as needed.

Ohio Association of Student Leaders State Representative Candidate

Letter of Commitment

In order to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of an OASL State Representative, an individual must have the time and be willing to schedule all OASL activities on a *priority* basis.

The purpose of this page is to finalize and document your commitment and dedication to the position should you be elected. We ask that you give this thoughtful and realistic consideration. If you choose to run, we need you to be committed!

We realize that you have other responsibilities and obligations. We do not expect you to have to set those aside. We simply need for you to make sure that OASL can be woven into your schedule and be held as a priority item. You must speak with your coaches, directors, etc. and make certain they will be supportive if an OASL event requires that you miss a practice, game, etc.

Please use the included page to list your activities and anything that could cause conflicts. As you seek the signatures of your student council advisor, principal, and parents, use this list and include them in your decision making process. The more proactive you are, the less likely you will encounter difficult situations if you are elected.

OASL Calendar at a Glance

Meetings: early May; mid-August; mid-February; March (in conjunction with State Conference) Meetings will be held virtually when possible.

Events: Summer Workshop (July); Leadership at the Point (last Sunday in September); Fall Retreat (November); Winter Retreat (January) State Conference (March)

Other Responsibilities: Contributing items to the Newsletter; Recruit new member schools in your area; Encourage participation by students in member schools; Seek business and individual sponsorships from within your community.

Please note that transportation to and from all meetings and events is the responsibility of each individual Executive Board member.

Candidate Commitment Form

I understand the time requirements of being an OASL State Representative. Further, I have carefully considered potential conflicts and have gained the support of those who would be affected. If I am elected, I will faithfully complete my obligations and duties as stated in the OASL Constitution, Statements of Policy, and those that I assume throughout the year. I am prepared to treat my OASL responsibilities as matters of high priority.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Printed Name

My signature below indicates that I am aware of the responsibilities involved with serving as a State Representative on the OASL Executive Board. Further, I support the above named student's pursuit of this position.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Advisor's Signature

Date

Principal's Signature

Date

Please print, complete and upload to your application by February 24th, 2023