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RUNNING FOR 2026 NJASC STATE OFFICE

Candidates for 2026 State Office will be accepted from current member schools in the following ten SOUTHERN counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem. The decision to enter a candidate from your school must be made relatively soon, as the deadline for returning their application is a postmark date of **Friday November 14**. This will allow us enough time to review each application prior to our Executive Interview Meeting, which will be on **Wednesday December 10** at South Brunswick High School.

*There will be a mandatory session, “Running for State Office”, held at the Fall Business Meeting at The College of New Jersey on **Tuesday October 7** for all prospective candidates AND their advisors. If the prospective candidate and an advisor from their school are not in attendance at that session, they cannot be permitted under our Constitution to run for State Office. If you will not be sure by that date who will be the candidate from your school, then ALL potential candidates from your school must be in attendance.*

Please understand that the following requirements must be met, and these expectations of future responsibilities clearly understood, in order to submit a candidate for NJASC State Office:

- The Candidate Application must be signed by the required school officials. It is important that both building (Principal) and district (Superintendent) administration support a State Officer from their district as well as his or her Advisor, both in terms of release time from school as needed and providing or enabling transportation for them to fulfill their duties to NJASC. *Being a State Officer is NOT an individual endeavor – it is one for which the active support of the school, Student Council, and district is essential!*
- It is expected that the district, school and/or Student Council of a State Officer will assist to some degree with financial support of his or her trip to the **2026 Northeastern Regional Leadership Conference** in the Spring (about \$200), for which we would like all State Officers to attend so they can meet and work with their counterparts from Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.
- A potential candidate for State Office must be willing to devote considerable attention to Student Council activities. It is expected that if elected, the student will regard NJASC State Office as their **highest priority**, demonstrating a high level of commitment and keeping their schedule open to fulfill all obligations and responsibilities to NJASC as well as their fellow State Officers.
- It is also understood and mandatory that **all State Officers attend each NJASC monthly meeting with an Advisor from his or her school**. The State Board of Education Representative must also attend monthly New Jersey State Board of Education meetings from June 2026 to June 2027, as well as the NJASC monthly executive meetings during his or her term as a State Officer.
- All State Officers will be expected to attend BOTH sessions of the **2026 NJASC Leadership Training Conference (LTC)**, currently scheduled to be July 6-13, 2026. Since this is a NJASC event, we cover all costs for State Officers – they do NOT have to register as delegates and their schools (or parents) do NOT have to pay the registration fee for their participation.
- It is important, especially when it comes to LTC, that a State Officer has the **visible support of his or her school** throughout the term. Therefore, we highly recommend that any school with a State Officer please send AT LEAST FIVE delegates to LTC to show its support for him or her, as well as NJASC.

2025 NJASC STATE OFFICERS

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