



**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS**

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## **MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED STUDENT COUNCIL LEADER**

*"Learning and leadership are indispensable to each other.  
If we stop learning **today**, we will stop leading **tomorrow**."*

*-John F. Kennedy*

MASC Distinguished Student Leaders is the newest program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Student Councils. It was created to motivate and challenge student leaders to extend their leadership skills and activities and to confer Missouri recognition upon those students who demonstrate superior student council leadership skills and knowledge based on MASC criteria and evaluation procedures.

To become a MASC Distinguished Student Leader, students must be members of their student councils in MASC member schools and graduating at the time they submit their applications. The standards for the Distinguished Student Leader program reflect the core purposes and mission of student councils. Additionally, the evaluation procedure has been designed so that the bulk of the process takes place at the school level with the results being forwarded to MASC for the final assessment. This facilitates a process that will help students become more proficient in self-assessment practices and better able to organize and build a record of evidence focused on their student council and related leadership activities.

The MASC Distinguished Student Leader designation will be bestowed upon any student that has shown evidence of being a knowledgeable and effective leader and has met the program criteria upon high school graduation. The following pages contain the eligibility standards and activities for students to become a MASC Distinguished Student Leader.





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## MASC Distinguished Student Leader Application

### Eligibility

1. Students who apply to become MASC Distinguished Student Leaders must be in schools that have current MASC membership and current District membership at the time the applications are submitted to MASC for final evaluation.
2. Student must have participated at least two years in their high school student council.
3. Student must complete 20 hours of documented community service.
4. Student must have led one workshop/discussion group at district, state, national, MASC Summer Leadership workshops/conference. Proof of leading a workshop in your home student council or school district would qualify. (You must attach workshop handout).
5. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 during their high school career.
6. Student must maintain an attendance rate of 95 percent.
7. Student must have no major disciplinary records or infractions as determined by your school district.
8. Student must have attended one of the following: District Convention, MASC State Convention, or MASC Winter Energizer.
9. Student must have attended the MASC Summer Leadership Workshop during grades 9-12.

### Regulations

1. Students must meet all criteria and submit a completed application and checklist to their student council advisor.
2. The application must be signed by the student applicant, school principal, and student council advisor.
3. **Submit only the requested forms indicated on the Check List.** No other items will be considered during the evaluation process. All submissions should be made on standard 8 ½ x 11" paper. Application materials must be bound by staple or secured in a report folder. Please do not use 3-ring binders or notebooks
4. Student Council Advisor must complete official MASC application form and submit to MASC Office by deadline to receive certificates for high school graduation ceremony.
5. ***Applications missing required information, signatures, or not in compliance with the regulations will not be evaluated by MASC.***

### MASC Distinguished Student Leader Application Procedures

1. Students demonstrate mastery of student council participation, leadership and collect evidence showing they meet the qualifications to become Missouri Distinguished Student Leaders.
2. The students prepare their applications and portfolios, and then meet with the principal and advisor to present their evidence of having completed the criteria.
3. If the principal and advisor find that the student has provided all necessary evidence of meeting the criteria, they will each confirm it with their signatures.
4. Following affirmation by the principal and advisor, the student council advisor should prepare all requested forms for shipment to MASC.





**MASC Summer Leadership Workshop (Fulton)**

List levels and years you attended the MASC Summer Leadership Workshop.

<u>MASC Level (Level I or Level II)</u>	<u>Year Attended</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Advisor Initials and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance at District, State, National Workshops**

List any district, state, or national conventions/workshop you attended, and year you attended each workshop. (District Conventions, State Convention, National Conference, LEAD Workshop).

<u>Workshops/Conventions</u>	<u>Year Attended</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Advisor Initials and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop/Discussion Group Leader**

List any workshops that you led or presented at district, state, or national level or as a JC at the MASC Summer Leadership Workshop. Proof of leading a workshop in your home student council or school district would qualify. Please attach workshop paperwork.

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Location Completed</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Advisor Initials and Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **MASC Distinguished Student Leader Advisor Check List**

Please complete and include this checklist with your Missouri Association of Student Councils Distinguished Leaders Application packet.

Application materials should be arranged in the following order:

- Advisor Checklist (Page 5)
- School Information List of Distinguished Leaders Information (Page 6)
- Completed Information Forms
  - Student Application(s)—(Page 3-4)
  - Statements of Validation: Student, Advisor, and Principal (Page 7)
  - Signatures and Statements of Validation (Page 7)
- Completed MASC Photo Release Form (Page 7)
- Send a digital photo (**senior picture style/head shot – NO SELFIES or photos that contain other people**) to [masc@masc1.org](mailto:masc@masc1.org) by **January 31**

### **Leadership Character & Grades Verification**

**Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ based on \_\_\_\_\_ grading scale.**

**Student is in good standing with school – (no major disciplinary records or infractions as determined by your school district? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

**Advisor Initials or School Official and Date: \_\_\_\_\_**



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## School Information

TYPE ONLY

### School Information:

MASC District \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Advisor Information:

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone or Extension: *(If different from school # above)* \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Principal Information:

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Phone or School Extension: *(If different from school # above)* \_\_\_\_\_

School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Superintendent Information

Superintendent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Phone or School Extension: *(If different from school # above)* \_\_\_\_\_

School E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Signatures and Statements of Validation

### Principal:

As Principal, my signature affirms that the student council officers and advisor(s) have presented me with evidence of their program and activities, which I have evaluated and found to meet or exceed the standards required for the council to be named a Distinguished Student Leader by the Missouri Association of Student Councils. Further, the Indicators met have been properly identified on the application.

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

### Advisor:

As Advisor, my signatures affirm that all information on this application is complete and correct, and that all evidence and information prepared and submitted for evaluation was accurate and complete.

Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo Release by Parent/Guardian:

It is expressly understood your photo may be included in MASC's newsletters, magazines, website, and/or other publications, as well as in other media or materials for promotional, editorial, and/or advertising purposes and you hereby provide your permission to such use.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail Completed Application Forms to:

MASC Distinguished Student Council Leaders  
1305 Witham  
Stanberry, MO 64489

\*\*\*All applications become the property of MASC and will not be returned. The names of schools earning the Distinguished Student Leadership will appear in the MASC Newsletters, District/State Conventions and listed on the MASC website [www.masc1.org](http://www.masc1.org).

# Postmark Deadline is January 31