

# **CALIFORNIA STATE PTA BOARD OF MANAGERS**

## **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**

### **FAQS**

#### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT BOARD MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PTA?**

A student board member of the California State PTA Board of Managers is expected to participate in all board business and activities and be a full participating member of the state board.

#### **WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA STATE PTA BOARD OF MANAGERS?**

The California State PTA Board of Managers is composed of the elected officers, parliamentarian, director of legislation, immediate past president, chairmen of standing committees, commissioners, legislation advocates, consultants, district presidents, and all National PTA board members residing in California.

#### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A STUDENT BOARD MEMBER:**

- To share student perspectives with adults who work on behalf of young people;
- To provide student views on current issues and concerns;
- To accept commission and committee assignments (e.g., writing articles, helping to prepare materials, preparing and conducting convention workshops) and following through in a timely manner;
- To help other young people to understand the operation and the structure of a large, statewide, nonprofit organization; and
- To inform students at the unit level of the goals and activities of the California State PTA.

#### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT BOARD MEMBER POSITION?**

- The applicant must be a member of a PTA/PTSA in California
- The applicant must be at least 16 years old and no more than 19 years old when the term begins on July 1
- Have parental permission if under the age of 18
- Complete the Exhibit V2 - California State PTA Board of Managers Student Board Member Application. Click the links:
  - For a fillable, [online version](#).
  - To download a [copy of the form](#).
- Completed application must be received in the PTA office by the due date
- Applicants under the age of 18 must provide a letter authorizing release time from the applicant's school principal and/or school district
- Be interviewed by the district PTA president

#### **WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TERM THAT A STUDENT BOARD MEMBER SERVES?**

Student board members serve a one-year term on the California State PTA Board of Managers. Student board members may apply for a second one-year term, if desired (apply using the [Exhibit V3](#)).

**WHAT ARE THE MEETING EXPECTATIONS?**

The California State PTA Board of Managers meets four to five times each year. Due to hotel and conference availability, the days of the week sometimes vary. The applicant is expected to attend all meetings of commissions and committees to which you are assigned. The applicant may be asked to attend additional meetings outside of the Board of Managers meetings in conjunction with committee/task forces involvement.

**WHAT EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE PTA?**

The California State PTA pays for the following expenses.

- Hotel (paid directly by the California State PTA)
- Meals
- Transportation to/from the meetings
- Other expenses as requested/approved by commission/committee assignment.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The applicant should be familiar with the Purposes of the PTA, the Mission Statement of the California State PTA and basic information.
- The applicant should recognize that the work of the California State PTA Board of Managers is quite different from that of a unit PTA/PTSA. You should understand the amount of time and type of involvement required as a member of the California State PTA Board of Managers.
- The applicant must feel comfortable interacting with adults. It may be necessary for you to share a hotel room with an adult board member of the same gender.