THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as the next undergraduate student member of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees. I strongly encourage you to apply. The opportunity to serve as a trustee has been a deeply consequential experience for me. It has challenged me to understand the complexities of one of the largest universities in the nation, provided me with inspiring mentors and friends, and expanded my view of governance and higher education. Being a student trustee has also influenced my professional aspirations, and the leadership development I have experienced during my term has been invaluable.

The new student trustee — one of two at Ohio State — will serve from approximately May 2027 to May 2029 following their appointment by the governor of Ohio and confirmation by the Ohio Senate. Below you will find the eligibility requirements, an overview of the role and the application itself.

Eligibility Requirements
Currently enrolled undergraduate students meeting the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Be an Ohio resident (and remain an Ohio resident for at least the next two years)
- Attend Ohio State until at least May 2029
- Be and remain in good academic standing
- Not be on disciplinary probation
- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student

Student Trusteeship
Ohio State's Board of Trustees is the university's chief strategic and fiduciary body and the highest level of governance. The board consists of up to 20 members: 15 voting Ohio residents, two non-voting student trustees (one undergraduate, one graduate/professional) and up to three non-voting charter trustees who are not Ohio residents. Student trustees serve two-year terms, attend and participate in board and committee meetings, and vote at the committee level. This position requires a significant investment of time to prepare for and engage in meetings and discussions, so it is critical that you are able to balance your academic and personal commitments with your responsibilities to the board.

Deadline and Interviews
The student trustee application deadline is **Friday, January 29, 2027, at 12 p.m. (noon).** Applications must be submitted electronically to the Student Trustee Selection Committee via board@osu.edu. If you are selected as a potential candidate, expect to participate in interviews in late February or early March. A member of the Office of the Board of Trustees will reach out to you with information on next steps as the process moves forward.

Please feel free to contact me at arp.31@osu.edu with any questions. Good luck!

Sincerely,
Patrick C. Arp
Undergraduate Student Trustee

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TRUSTEE
APPLICATION FORM

Name (include middle initial): _____

Email Address: _____

Ohio State name.# (if not included in email address above): _____

Phone (cell and/or home): _____

Degree Sought: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Local Address: _____

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Permanent Address: _____

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Ohio Resident: Yes____ No____ (Must be an Ohio resident to apply)

Current GPA: _____

How did you first learn about the position? _____

I certify that I am in good academic standing, according to the regulations and standards of my enrollment unit, and that I am not on any form of academic or disciplinary probation. I waive my privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and I authorize members of the Student Trustee Selection Committee to verify my GPA, academic rank and standing, and that I am not on academic probation with the University Registrar. If appointed to serve on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, I will make every reasonable effort to serve for the full duration of my two-year term, and I will conscientiously seek to serve the interests of the taxpayers of the state of Ohio, the university community and other relevant constituencies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION MATERIALS

The application form and all required materials must be submitted electronically by **12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, January 29, 2027**. Applications will not be accepted if they are late, incomplete or if the personal statement exceeds the maximum page length. The completed application should be emailed to the Student Trustee Selection Committee (c/o Board of Trustees Office) at board@osu.edu.

Note: If you have questions or need to request special accommodations, please contact the Board Office at 614-292-6359 or board@osu.edu.

Your application must be complete at the time of submission. A complete application includes:

1. The basic application form, signed and completed
2. An up-to-date résumé and/or curriculum vitae
3. Transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended, other than Ohio State
4. A current copy of your Ohio State Advising Report, if available
5. Two letters of recommendation to support your application, **at least one of which must be written by an individual affiliated with Ohio State** *(Note: Please ask your recommenders to submit their letters directly to board@osu.edu and include your university name.#)*
6. A personal statement addressing your interest in the position
7. Answers to a series of short essay questions

Letters of Recommendation

Your application must be supported by two letters of recommendation, submitted electronically by your recommenders directly to the Board Office at board@osu.edu. **At least one of the letters must be written by an individual who is affiliated with The Ohio State University** (e.g., current or former faculty or staff member). Please ask your recommenders to include your name.# in the subject line of their email. This is crucial, as this is how the Board Office will match your letters to your application materials. The Board Office must receive your letters electronically no later than **12 p.m. (noon) on Friday, January 29, 2027**, in order for your application to be considered complete and eligible for consideration.

Personal Statement

Your personal statement should be no longer than three pages, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and using Times New Roman 12-point font in Microsoft Word. Topics to cover in your statement:

1. Any work, service and leadership experience you believe is relevant to your candidacy
2. A discussion of your thoughts on trusteeship
3. Your definition of leadership and how you as a trustee would fulfill this definition

Short Essay Questions

Please provide answers to the questions below. Your responses should be 250 words or less per question, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and using Times New Roman 12-point font in Microsoft Word.

1. What do you think is the most important skill or quality required to successfully fulfill the responsibilities of a student trustee? Please elaborate on how you demonstrate this skill/quality.
2. What experience at Ohio State has had the most profound impact on you? Please describe.
3. Briefly discuss what you believe are the major issues facing Ohio State and the Board of Trustees.
4. Briefly discuss your current major time commitments and how those would continue during your time as a trustee. Additionally, please describe your expectations of the time commitment for this role.

***** Your personal statement and short essay responses are intended to reflect your experiences and your thinking. As such, they should be your work, not the output of artificial intelligence tools. *****