January 9, 2023

Dear Members of the Penn State Community,

Applications are currently being accepted for the Student Trustee position on Penn State’s Board of Trustees. Information regarding the Penn State Board of Trustees, including its Charter, Bylaws and Standing Orders, can be found at www.psu.edu/trustees. Specific information regarding the expectations of membership can be found in Order VIII of the Standing Orders.

The Student Trustee application is included on the following pages. The deadline for electronic submission of the application is February 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. First-class mail submissions must be received by the Board of Trustees Office no later than February 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.; please use the following address:

Ms. Shannon Harvey  
c/o Board of Trustees Office  
The Pennsylvania State University  
201 Old Main  
University Park, PA 16802

No exceptions will be made.

Questions from interested candidates may be directed to the Selection Group by emailing Janiyah Davis at TrusteeDavis@psu.edu.

No media requests will be entertained and the identities of all candidates are confidential.

The Student Trustee Selection Committee Core Team:
Janiyah Davis – Trustee
Kara Wright – CCSG President
Sydney Gibbard – UPUA President
Daniel Serfass – WCSG President
Jada Quinland – GPSA President
# Student Trustee Application

The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees  
(Please type or legibly print all responses)

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Instructions:

1. Complete the biographical information listed above.*

2. Answers to the essay questions on the following page should be typed and included as an attachment. Your answer to each of the questions should be no more than 250 words.

3. Completed biographical information and essay questions for Student Trustee must meet the following deadline: Applications sent via first-class mail must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023; please use the following address:

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   c/o Board of Trustees Office  
   The Pennsylvania State University  
   201 Old Main  
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4. (Optional) Collect one letter of recommendation that is no longer than two pages. The letter should highlight the candidate’s abilities in areas such as: critical thinking; time management; leadership; pressure management; and communication. The letter must be sent to Shannon Harvey by 5:00 p.m., February 17, 2023 with the completed biographical information and essay questions at the above address or have the writer of the recommendation letter send it directly to Shannon Harvey via first-class mail. It must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023 at the above address.

*Submission of this application authorizes the University to seek additional information, such as transcripts and student conduct reports, to verify the candidate’s standing.

Thank you for your interest in applying.

Short Answer Essay Questions

-- Please do not exceed 250 words for each response--

1. Describe a major activity at Penn State and/or any higher education institutions you have attended previously (organizations, research, community service, etc.) that best represents your leadership.

2. Please explain your understanding of the Board of Trustees’ role in the University’s operations.

3. Describe the role of the Student Trustee as you see it. How is this impacted by our shared governance model?

4. How have you promoted or advanced diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging at Penn State, and how will you continue to do so with the Student Trustee platform?

5. What do you believe should be priority items brought to the full Board by our next Student Trustee?

6. As a Trustee, how will you ensure effective outreach and communication while working with other Trustees, administrators, faculty, and students?

7. One of the biggest barriers we face as students is turnover in leadership which causes difficulty with the continuity of projects. Especially for Trustees, many projects take more than one year to complete. How would you navigate that and ensure continuity of projects beyond your term?