

## **Instructions for Student Council Application**

Thank you for taking the time to apply for Whitney Student Council for the 2017-2018 school year! Please follow the steps below when filling out your application in order to be considered for the selection process.

1. Make the decision if you want to be a full member or a delegate. Delegate members are not expected to commit as much time to the Council as full members however they cannot become Officers or Committee Chairs. You can always apply for full member status if you decide you want to be more involved later.
2. Read and sign the attached "Personal Commitment Statement" and have your parent or legal guardian sign it as well. This indicates that you are acknowledging expectations which have been put in place for Student Council Members.
3. Make sure both sides of the "Application for Student Council" form are filled in and then turn that form and the "Personal Commitment Statement" to Mr. Jones.

## Student Council Personal Commitment Statement

Student Council is a busy organization which means that we require a certain level of commitment from its membership in order to insure our success.

In order to keep track of membership activity we have a point system put in place with different expectations based on membership status and role in the organization:

Officers and Committee Chairs - 25 points per six weeks

Members - 15 points per six weeks

Delegates - 10 points per six weeks

Students will receive points for the following:

½ point for each hour spent contributing during work nights

1 point for dressing up for spirit days

2 points for meeting attendance

3 points for participation in a committee project

4 points for participation in a non-committee project

5 points per hour of community service

Also please understand that we require our membership to maintain passing grades (70's or higher) in all of their classes.

By signing this commitment statement you are agreeing to participate in activities planned by Student Council and you acknowledge that many activities may take place before or after school.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to commit to Student Council planned activities and place them over non-essential commitments when there is a conflict. I agree that membership in Student Council is a privilege, not a right, and that my failure to meet and uphold the expectations of the a Student Council member may result in my removal from Student Council.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand the commitments and standards which students are expected to meet and maintain as members of Student Council and that failure to do so may result in removal from Student Council.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for Student Council**

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

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level:    9    10    11    12

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What type of membership are you most interested in right now? (Refer to the point requirements in the "Commitment Statement" if you are unsure) (Circle one)

(Full member)                      (Delegate) (Delegates cannot be Officers or Committee Chairs)

**Please answer all of the following questions:**

Why do you want to join Student Council?

What skills, talents, etc. do you believe you can contribute to Student Council? Discuss how they will make a positive impact.

What do you feel is the biggest problem facing students at Whitney High School?

What traits do you believe make someone a great leader?

Do you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not?

In this section, please list any activities that you're involved in so we can learn a bit more about you:

Extracurricular activities (Band, choir, sports, UIL, etc.):

Non-school activities (Jobs, church groups, etc.)

List any leadership roles you may have experienced:

Explain how the leadership roles you listed above have made an impact on you: