

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY **FRESHMEN ELECTIONS 2020**



**WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SCHOOL?
WANT TO REPRESENT THE FRESHMEN CLASS?
RUN FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT!**

Applications due by November 1st at 11:59 PM

- Application includes:
 - Part 1: Intent to Run Declaration
 - Part 2: Voter's Guide Responses
 - Part 3: Recorded Video of Speech
 - You can submit Part 1 and 2 in a single Word Doc.
- Email all application materials to both ASB Vice President Min Jang and ASB Advisor Mr. Kendrick.
 - 1mkjang@seattleschools.org and khkendrick@seattleschools.org
 - You WILL get a confirmation email once application is received, so if you don't get one follow up!
- Candidates who can not demonstrate appropriate online behavior throughout the campaign process will be subject to disqualification.
- If lack of access to technology is any barrier for you completing the requirements, please email Mr. Kendrick!
- Reach out with any questions!

Positions Available

- 3 Freshmen Ambassador Positions
 - Be involved and spirited in school events
 - Represent the student body's wants and needs, creating events and advocating for changes.
 - Communicate decisions made by ASB to student body
 - Support a variety of Ballard activities
 - Have a positive attitude and influence on your peers
 - Be willing to put in many hours outside of the school day to accomplish tasks.

Rules and Regulations

Grade-level & Credits	All candidates must have earned the appropriate number of credits toward graduation for their grade level.
Grade Point Average	All candidates must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in each official grade-reporting period during their year of service. Failure to meet grade requirements at any grade reporting time will result in temporary suspension from all officer-related activities. If grades are not satisfactory after the 5-week suspension period, officers will be removed from their position.
Activity Cards	All officers must hold an Activity Card while in office.
Sports Participation	Officers may participate in sports during their year of service.
Code of Conduct	As a representative of Ballard High School, officers must maintain only the highest expectations of behavior. Observance of all school and district rules will be mandatory. This will include a <u><i>no tolerance policy on the use, sale, and possession of tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs</i></u> . Signature on the attached application shall serve as agreement to these terms.
Disciplinary Action	Elected officers involved in any disciplinary action with the administration, officer-related or not, may result in temporary suspension from one's position. Officers involved in any criminal behavior forfeit their position of leadership for the balance of the school year.

Final decisions regarding rules and regulations are determined by Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Wynkoop.

Campaign Process and Important Dates

Application Due November 1st 11:59 PM	Application Completion Period – Make sure to complete and turn in your application during this time! Submit Part 1, 2, and 3 as outlined on the first page.
November 2nd – November 9th	Campaign Week - Campaigning is an important part of the election process. Social media sites can be used but only in promoting candidates, not attacking. To reach a broader audience during school closure you may create one digital flier that will be posted on Ballard's Instagram during this week – make it look nice and be creative! There will be more information to come on these guidelines. Candidates should not spend any additional money on special papers, candies, buttons, etc. Make sure your peers know who you are, what position you are running for, and why. Make them want to vote for YOU! The Voter's Guide will be distributed this week as well. Only ELECTED positions will be in the Voter's Guide. Encourage your classmates to read about you and other candidates so they can make an informed decision.
Opens November 9th Closes November 10th	General Elections – The link to voting will go out on November 9 th and the 'polls' will close on November 10 th at 4pm.

Intent to Run Declaration – Part 1 of Application

To make sure that you fully understand the rules and have read everything carefully, **please type up the following statement in the box word for word**, filling in some blanks with your information, and send it in a document as part of your application.

I, (*full first & last name*), am choosing to run for Freshmen Ambassador. I am prepared to complete the work required to participate in the election, and am prepared to be an involved member of ASB next year if I make it through the election process. I acknowledge that I have read the rules and regulations for being on ASB at Ballard High School and agree to abide by them.

Voters' Guide Questions – Part 2 of Application

If you are running for any ELECTED position, **your answers will be published** in the Voter's Guide that will be distributed during Campaign Week to help students make their decisions for the Primary Election. If you are running for any APPOINTED position, **your answers will be used by those interviewing you** to get a better sense of who you are before the interview.

Required Question:

- How will you represent your class during remote learning and connect everyone?

Choose 2 of the next 4

1. What is the most important value you believe a leader should have?
2. Why are you the best candidate for your position?
3. If elected, how would you increase school spirit and participation at Ballard?
4. What event or activity would you like to lead at Ballard and why?

Pre-Recorded Video Speech – Part 3 of Application

Because of remote learning, those running for an elected position will **deliver your speech in a pre-recorded 60 second video clip (no longer)** that will be edited together with your opponent's speeches and sent out to your peers prior to voting. Your video should **be filmed in landscape format (horizontal, not vertical)**. Email your video file along with Parts 1 & 2 of your Application for a complete application.

Introduce yourself to those voting for you! Be sure to include what position you are running for and why you think you are the best choice for that position. Tell your class about new and exciting things you would like to accomplish at Ballard, and what changes you would like to see made. Share your values! Comment on what are you most passionate about and excited for regarding the duties of your specific position.

This is a new dynamic in the election (having speeches be delivered by video). Feel free to be fun and creative, while keeping your speech substantive and appropriate.