LASC...State Officer Candidate Packet 2026 - 2027

Please read the following information and learn how your school can become a State Officer for one of the BEST state associations!

We are looking for remarkable candidates to represent their amazing schools on the LASC Executive Board. Being a good public speaker, able to attend the mandatory Executive Board Meetings, dedication to exceed the expectations of holding an LASC State Office and having computer skills are a ***must!***

*If a High School or Middle School student seeks a State Office, it is ***mandatory*** that the candidate has attended LASC High School Summer Workshop and LASC State Convention prior to the 2027 State Convention.

ARE YOU READY TO MEET THE CHALLENGE?

If your school is interested in running for office, please fill out the following application (Form A, B, C and D) using the provided Google Doc (Google Docs can be emailed to dana.granger@vpsb.net) or send printed docs via ***certified mail*** to be delivered by ***November 1, 2026*** to

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Erath High School
808 S. Broadway
Erath, LA 70533

The *State Parliamentarian's* Advisor contact information is:
School Phone: (337) 937-8451
Email: dana.granger@vpsb.net

Very important dates to know when running for this office:
First Executive Board Meeting: Thibodaux in February 20-21,2027
LASC Summer Workshop: : June 6-10,2027
Second Executive Board Meeting: Archbishop Rummel :August 22-23,2027
LASC State Convention: January 15-17,2028 Arch. Rummel High School
*It is **mandatory** that each officer candidate school has a designated student council advisor who will attend all Executive Board Meetings with their representative and who will represent their school at the convention.*

Newly elected State Officers and District Presidents ***must*** attend both Executive Board Meetings and State Convention in their entirety. Attendance is ***mandatory.***

Primary responsibilities of LASC Officers:

State President:

- To act as the chief executive of this organization.
- To appoint all committees.
- To preside at all meetings of this organization.
- To attend the LASC Summer Workshop, LASC State Convention, and all Executive Board Meetings (These are ***mandatory***)
- To assume all duties generally associated with the office of President.
- ***Highly recommended but not mandatory:*** Attendance at SASC, NASC, and/or Visions

State Vice-President:

- To execute the duties of the President in case of the latter's absence
- To act as chairman of the election committee
- To attend the LASC Summer Workshop, LASC State Convention, and all Executive Board Meetings (These are ***mandatory***)
- To assume all duties generally associated with the office of Vice-President.
- The Advisor of the Vice-President school shall serve as Secretary of the Advisor's meeting, recording all business transacted there, giving a copy to the Executive Director
- The vice president will handle all contests at the convention
- ***Highly recommended but not mandatory:*** Attendance at SASC, NASC, and/or Visions

State Secretary-Host:

- To keep the records for all Convention proceedings
- To send the record to the Host school of the coming year
- To make announcements at the convention
- To keep a file of all Convention plans and to file such for future host schools
- To collect convention fees for convention expenses
- To act as the host of the State Convention
- To send out information relative to the State Convention
- To attend the LASC Summer Workshop, LASC State Convention, and all Executive Board Meetings (These are ***mandatory***)
- To assume all duties generally associated with the office of Secretary-Host
- ***Highly recommended but not mandatory:*** Attendance at SASC, NASC, and/or Visions

State Parliamentarian:

- To settle matters of parliamentary procedure at meetings
- To serve as chairman of the Constitution Committee and to see that the Constitution is current
- To send a copy of the legally proposed amendments to all member schools two weeks before the State Convention. If any amendments are made, they must be submitted 30 days prior to Convention to the LASC Executive Director
- The Advisor of the Parliamentarian school shall serve as the Parliamentarian in the advisors' meeting
- To attend the LASC Summer Workshop, LASC State Convention, and all Executive Board Meetings (These are ***mandatory***)
- To assume all duties generally associated with the office of Parliamentarian.
- ***Highly recommended but not mandatory:*** Attendance at SASC, NASC, and/or Visions

State Officer School Advisors:

*It is **mandatory** that each officer candidate have a designated Student Council Advisor who will attend all Executive Board Meetings with their representative.*

Agreement forms for running and serving in office for the Louisiana Association of Student Council

Directions: Please read each of the agreements listed in this document. All parties involved must sign and date the document (at the end of this packet). **Please make copies of this agreement for all parties involved and keep a copy on file at your school.**

- Our school and Student Council understands the serious responsibility of serving as a State Officer in the Louisiana Association of Student Councils.
- All parties from the school seeking office at the LASC Convention have received and read all materials dealing with campaigning for a state office in LASC.
- Our Student Council understands the responsibilities and requirements of the State Office we are seeking.
- Our Student Council feels we meet the qualifications for the State Office we are seeking.
- Our advisor and students attending the convention understand that the breaking of any campaign guidelines will result in the possible removal from the ballot (see campaign guidelines) by the State Executive Board
- Our principal, advisor, and council understand that if we do not fulfill each of the guidelines, we can be removed from office by the State Executive Board, and the school who received the next highest number of votes will be installed in the Office by the State Executive Board.
- The student who was presented on stage at convention as our representative for the office must be the person who serves in State Office unless approval to replace this student is granted by the LASC Executive Director. The advisor must notify the LASC Executive Director within 10 days of the student's removal or resignation and provide the name of his/her replacement.
- The advisor who was present at the convention must be the advisor for the year their school serves as a State Officer. If, for some reason, the advisor is replaced by the principal of the officer school, the principal must notify the LASC Executive Director within 10 days of the advisor's removal or resignation and provide the name of their replacement.
- Both the advisor and the student must attend all Planning Sessions and/or Board Meetings during their term of office.
- All officers **must attend** LASC functions and LASC Summer Workshop. Attending NASC, SASC and/or Visions is optional, but highly recommended.
- The following will be handled as special circumstances for possible removal from office by a vote of the LASC State Executive Board: Either the advisor or the student is removed from State Office or local Student Council position at their school for disciplinary reasons.

Any infraction of the above agreement will result in LASC Executive Board action and the possible removal of the offending State Officer school from its LASC State Office.

LASC CAMPAIGN RULES

I. Eligibility

A. A candidate school must have attended at least three (3) state conventions within the last five (5) state conventions.
B. A candidate school must have been a member of LASC for the past three (3) consecutive years.
C. A candidate school must have attended at least three (3) summer workshops within the last five (5) summer workshops.
D. A current state officer school may not run for a state office at the same convention unless it is for the Secretary-Host position.
E. The advisor of the candidate school must have been an advisor at the current school for at least two (2) years, including the current school year.
F. A candidate school must adhere to the following Executive Board policies:
    a. Any school seeking state office must fill out the Google Doc. It is *highly suggested* that campaign documents (the Candidate Intent Form and the Nominating School Form) be sent by ***certified mail*** to the Parliamentarian school to be delivered by **November 1, 2026.** The address for this mailing is:

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    b. The tentative roster of candidates running for office will be emailed to those schools running for office by **November 5, 2026.**
    c. A school seeking office may make a change after seeing this roster or decline to run for office by **November 10, 2026.**
    d. A finalized roster will be sent out on **November 13, 2026.**
    e. A current state officer school can neither nominate nor actively campaign for any candidate school.
    f. An optional Zoom meeting will be held at **3 pm on December 10** so that candidate schools and advisors can review rules and procedures and ask questions.

II. Delegation Quota

A. Schools running for an office may bring up to twelve (12) students. Only those twelve (12) students may participate in the skit, video, or campaign for the school.
B. DO NOT use the student representative's name or image on any of the candidate school's campaign materials, including apparel.
C. **ONLY** the candidate SCHOOL NAME may be used on posters, handouts, flyers, etc.

III. Campaign Materials

A. A folder and/or envelope ***must*** be presented to the Parliamentarian school containing examples of everything that will be used to campaign, including campaign apparel. The folder must contain every handout and a picture of the poster that will be used throughout the campaign. These will be submitted at the candidate schools meeting at 12:00 pm (tentative) on Saturday in the auditorium.
B. A mandatory skit dress full dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday in the auditorium immediately following the 12:00 pm meeting. Following the dress rehearsal, there will be a speech dress rehearsal. Skit and speech wardrobe must be appropriate, modest, and moral. Nothing illegal or in poor taste will be accepted. **These are both full dress rehearsals; all members of the skit must be in full costume (exactly as to**

be presented during the session), and the person giving the speech must be in their business attire for the rehearsal.

C. Campaign materials must be in good taste and contain no demeaning or derogatory comments regarding a school, individual, or other Student Council.
D. Handouts cannot be hung or posted on painted surfaces or floors. Painter's tape may be used on brick walls and windows.
E. No campaign materials are to be displayed or given out at the host school until all campaign materials have been approved by the Parliamentarian school at the candidate school meeting. If the candidate school is unsure about an item, please contact the Parliamentarian school.
F. Schools may spend up to $1000 in total on campaign shirts, trinkets, campaign giveaways, handouts, etc. There is a cap of $300 for donations for campaigning. This is included as part of the $1000. Schools must show written proof of the donated items in their receipts to the State Parliamentarian. ***No*** **stickers** are to be used in any way. ***No*** **gum, candy, cookies, or any other edible items** may be used at any time during the campaign process. ***No*** clickers, kazoos, whistles, or other types of noisemakers may be used.
G. Candidate schools are allowed one tri-fold board to use for the "Meet the Candidate" Session. The specifics of the tri-board include the following:
**The tri-fold board may be any color but must be standard (36x48) size.
**Any sort of embellishments are allowed, but they must be securely fastened onto the tri-fold board.
H. Campaign Materials cannot cover any of the convention decorations.
I. NO signs or banners are allowed to be displayed in the hotels or in the auditorium/gym.
J. Each candidate school may have up to two (2) yard signs. These can be no larger than 18x24 inches and are not included in the $1000 campaign budget.
K. ***Only*** the Secretary-Host candidate school must submit a 30-second video, with sound, promoting their school. This video will be played before the candidate's speech. Please place the video on a jump drive and turn in to the Parliamentarian school at the meeting on Saturday.

IV. Social Media

a. Social Media is a powerful tool for communication and connection; however, because it is expansive and difficult to monitor, LASC establishes the following guidelines to ensure campaigns remain fair, respectful, and student-centered.
    i. Social media posting may not begin until after the adjournment of campaign meetings and dress rehearsal on Saturday.
    ii. Do not use the candidate school representative's name or image.
    iii. Candidate schools and their representatives are expected to uphold the organization's core values of leadership, integrity, respect, and sportsmanship.
    iv. Campaigns should promote the candidate school, not tear down opposition. Make absolutely no mention of opposing schools.
    v. Candidate schools and their representatives may post positive, school-approved content supporting their candidacy. Posts should contain school appropriate language, images, and music.
b. The following are strictly prohibited:
    i. Negative campaigning (direct or indirect) against another candidate school or their representative
    ii. Comparison posts implying one candidate is "better than", "more qualified", or "more deserving" than another
    iii. Harassment, intimidation, or mockery (including memes, comments, emojis, or captions)
    iv. Posting misleading or false informational
    v. Coordinated attacks

c. If concerns arise, complaints must be submitted in writing and include screenshots or links. ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
d. If a violation is confirmed, the Executive Board may disqualify a candidate school.

V. Opening Session Nominations

A. The nomination will be made prior to the formal speech. The nomination is made according to Robert's Rules of Order by the nominating school.
Example: "(Anywhere) High School nominates (Anyplace) High School for the office of State (Office)."
B. Current State Officer Schools and District President Schools may not nominate a candidate school for office.
C. During the Sunday afternoon General Session, each candidate school will have its student representative give a two-to-three-minute formal speech. The student who will serve as the official student representative for their school if elected must give this speech. This spokesperson must introduce themselves by name and clearly state, "If elected, I (Name) will represent (School) as State (Office)."
D. Time will be called at three (3) minutes, at which point the student must immediately stop their speech. If time is called a second time, the school will lose its voting privileges in the House of Delegates on Monday morning.
E. The dress for this speech will be coat and tie for males and business attire for females. Skirt and dress length for females should be no shorter than the top of the kneecap.

VI. Presentations (skit) for the opening Saturday night session and the Sunday afternoon campaign speech

A. The candidate speech and skit must have a leadership message.
B. Speech-Platform and qualifications should include:
   a. Why are you seeking this office?
   b. Why is your school qualified to hold the office?
   c. How can your school help to improve LASC?
C. Skit - Five (5) minutes are allowed for the skit. If needed, up to thirty (30) seconds will be given to set up on stage. The five (5) minutes for the skit will begin immediately after thirty (30) seconds, or when the first word or movement of the skit occurs. Notification is given after four (4) minutes and again after four and a half (4 ½) minutes. Time is called at five (5) minutes. If a candidate school exceeds five (5) minutes, the school is ***not*** disqualified, but the presentation **must cease immediately**. If the Parliamentarian is forced to call time twice, that school loses its voting privileges in the House of Delegates on Monday morning.
D. Candidate schools can voluntarily submit a video of the skit presentation by January 1st to the executive director and the parliamentarian advisor. Candidate schools will receive communication regarding their skit presentations. If a candidate school receives feedback or required revisions regarding its skit, the school is expected to address and correct the issue before the scheduled skit practice at convention. If the concern is not corrected at the time of the scheduled skit practice, the candidate school will receive a formal warning requiring immediate correction. If the issue remains uncorrected at the time of the official presentation during session 1, the candidate school will be disqualified from the election process.
E. Any dancing within the campaign skit ***must*** be limited to one (1) minute.
F. Skit costumes must match exactly during both rehearsal and skit performance, the only exception being corrections that are made by the executive board during rehearsal.

VII. Meet the Candidates

A. Each campaigning school is required to be present from 2:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, January 14th at Captain Shreve High School in the Commons to greet the delegates and introduce their school as a campaigning school for the LASC 2027 Convention.

B. Schools will be provided with one table to display any items they wish to bring to represent and showcase their school.

VIII. Candidates

A. Each school that runs for an office must follow all directions sent by the State Executive Director, the Parliamentarian School and those approved by the Executive Board. This includes qualifications for office, deadlines, methods of mailing materials and guidelines for campaigning.
B. Candidate schools must provide all proper signatures on all Campaign/Officer Agreement forms.
C. Once a school is elected to serve in office, it must adhere to the Agreement Form signed when declaring its candidacy.
D. Any breach of contract of the aforementioned Agreement Form will result in Executive Board action regarding the possible forfeiture of the State Office of the offending State Officer School.
E. Candidate schools are not allowed to promote their candidacy at any sessions they may be conducting or overseeing.

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Google Doc Intent to Run (use these instructions when emailing forms)

Intent to Run Form A

Please complete the following information:

Name of school seeking office:
School address:

School phone number:
School fax number:
Student Council Advisor:
Home address of Advisor:

Home phone number of Advisor:
Cell phone number of Advisor:
School. Email of advisor:
Personal email of Advisor:

Information on School's Student Council (to your knowledge):
_____ Number of years in District ____
_____ Number of years in LASC
_____ Number of years in SASC
_____ Number of years in NASC

List the last three years your school attended LASC Convention:

List the last three years your school attended LASC Workshop:

Has your school served in a State Office in LASC? If yes, when and what office?

There will be up to four microphones available for your skit.
_____ Number of microphones you will need for your skit.

Intent to Run Form B

Student Council Information

_____ Number of members
_____ Number of officers
_____ Number of times a month your Council meets

Advisor Information

_____ Number of years in position
_____ Year of last LASC Convention attended
_____ Number of years at your current school

Other clubs you have sponsored:

Office Seeking:

Information on student that will represent your school in the LASC Office

Name:

Current grade in school:

Home Address:

Home Phone number:
Cell Phone number:

Current position in Student Council:

Check off the following that the student has attended prior to the year's convention:
_____ LASC Workshop-years:
_____ SASC Convention-years:
_____ LASC Convention-years:
_____ NASC Convention-years:

Intent to Run Form C

Louisiana Association of Student Councils Agreement Form signature sheet for campaigning and serving in a State Office

All parties involved are asked to read, sign, and date the agreement form below. This form must be completely filled out in order to run.

I have read and understand the enclosed materials on campaigning and serving as a State Officer in the Louisiana Association of Student Councils. I understand that the breaking of any of the enclosed agreements may result in removal from the ballot or removal from the state office our school is holding by the LASC Executive Board. If elected to a state office, the school must adhere to the enclosed agreements or face removal from office.

_____ _____
Student Council Advisor-Must be attending the convention Date

_____ _____
Student who will serve in the office Date

_____ _____
Principal Date

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

Louisiana Association of Student Council's policies dealing with serving in State Office

Any student with an out-of-school suspension or an expulsion from a school, or any other kind of major disciplinary action on their record, may not attend or represent their school at any officially endorsed event or apply for a Workshop Staff position sanctioned by the Louisiana Association of Student Councils. This policy pertains to Middle Level/Junior High students as well. However, if a Middle/Junior High student has a major disciplinary action on their Middle/Junior High record, the disciplinary record of said student will ***not*** follow or impact that student when they enter high school. LASC-sanctioned events include District, State, SASC, and NASC.

Intent to Run Form D

Nominating School Information:

Remember: *Current LASC State Officer Schools and current District President Schools cannot nominate, nor campaign, nor seek an LASC State Office if the school is a current LASC State Officer School.*

**It is your job to confirm with your nominating school that they are willing and qualified to introduce your nomination for candidacy.*

Nominating School:

Name of Student that will make the nomination:

Advisor of nominating school:

Advisor's email of nominating school:

Advisor's phone number of nominating school:

While this form should be mailed along with Forms A, B, and C, this information should also be emailed by November 1, 2026, to dana.granger@vpsb.net with the subject line: Nominating School for LASC.