

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE YCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Student Trustee represents both Columbia College and Modesto Junior College Students. It is a respected and honorable student leadership position. Student trustees have a unique responsibility to balance the many demands and expectations during their time as board members. They make valuable and consistent contributions to the Board as they carry forward the voice of the students, providing their perspective to ensure the students of the future will be well served. The Student Trustee shall be entitled to all privileges and rights provided elected members of the Board, with the following exceptions:

- A. During all meetings (except closed sessions), the student member has the right to participate in discussion, ask questions, and be seated with the Board. As an official member of the Board, the student member is entitled to receive materials furnished to regular board members with the exception of materials related to closed sessions.
- B. The student member of the Board shall receive compensation pursuant to Board Policy 2725. The Student Trustee will be required to attend a minimum of two meetings per month, including the Regular Board Meeting, and one other as agreed upon in consultation with the Chancellor. In addition, the Student Trustee will be entitled to any mileage allowance necessary to attend Board meetings to the same extent as publicly elected trustees.
- C. The student member of the Board does not make and second motions. The student member will be entitled to an advisory vote, although the vote shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board. If a student member wishes to cast an advisory vote, it shall be taken prior to the Board's vote.

Criteria for the Student Trustee:

- A. Be enrolled in at least five (5) units during the semester or quarter of application and during each semester or quarter of service.
- B. Be in good academic standing (not on probation) and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or more in at least twelve (12) units completed at either Columbia College or Modesto Junior College prior to May 15 of the year of service on the Board. In the absence of an established GPA based on prior academic work, the most recent mid-term GPA or average of grades to date will be acceptable.
- C. Possession of a valid California driver's license is a requirement. Student must have a clean DMV record, student will need to complete a Pull Notice. If the student is wishing to use their privately owned vehicle they must possess the appropriate insurance coverage as outlined in the Authorization to Use Privately Owned Vehicle form.

Responsibilities of the Student Trustee:

- A. The student trustee is responsible for expressing the will of the student body to the YCCD Board of Trustees as well as soliciting feedback from students and connecting them to the decisions made by the Board. To facilitate this communication and understanding, a successful student trustee will:
1. Attend and participate in monthly YCCD Regular Board meetings. In accordance with Board Policy 2310, Regular Board meetings are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month with four meetings, held at the Columbia Campus (March, May, July, and October).
 2. Regularly communicate with ASMJC and ASCC leadership and attend ASMJC and ASCC Senate and ICC meetings.
 3. Select one of the members of the YCCD Board to serve as a mentor or advisor.
- B. Serve as the student representative to District Council and attend the monthly meetings. District Council meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- C. Serve as the student representative to the District Policies and Procedures Committee and attend the monthly meetings. Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- D. Attend a Student Trustee Orientation, special trustee trainings, student sessions, and represent student at various YCCD events and activities.

Application Timeline 2024-2025 Academic Year:

March 11:	Student Trustee Application period opens
April 8:	Last day to turn in Application for Candidacy
April 15 -16:	Elections/Voting held at Modesto Junior College and Columbia College
April 18:	Elections Announced
May 8:	YCCD Board of Trustees Meeting
May 15:	New YCCD Student Trustee Starts
June 12:	Swearing in of YCCD Student Trustee at the YCCD Board of Trustees Meeting (term of office is May 15, 2024 to May 14, 2025)

***Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on April 8 to
Alejandra Espinoza, espinozaa@yosemite.edu***

Additional Resources for the Student Trustee:

- YCCD Board of Trustees: <https://www.yosemite.edu/trustees/>
- YCCD Board Policy 2105 Election of Student Member:
https://www.yosemite.edu/trustees/board_policy/2105%20Election%20of%20Student%20Member.pdf
- YCCD Board Policy 2015 Student Member:
https://www.yosemite.edu/trustees/board_policy/2015%20Student%20Member.pdf
- YCCD Board Policy 2725 Board Member Compensation:
https://www.yosemite.edu/trustees/board_policy/2725%20Board%20Member%20Compensation.pdf
- Associated Students of Columbia College:
http://www.gocolumbia.edu/student_life/leadership.php
- Associated Students of Modesto Junior College:
<http://www.mjc.edu/student-services/sdncl/about.php>
- Community College League of California (CCLC) Student Trustee Resources (scroll to last set of bullet points “Student Trustees”): <https://www.ccleague.org/resources/publications>

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STUDENT TRUSTEE Application

(Please type or print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

DAY PHONE # _____ EVENING PHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHECK ONE: New Student Continuing Student Returning Student

I desire the position of Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees for the following reason:

I understand the role of the Board of Trustee:

What previous student leadership experience do you have?

Current Student Senate Position, if any: _____

Academic goals and major: _____

Personal Interests/Community Activities:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If YES, please identify the date and nature of the offense. _____

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Units currently enrolled _____	Total units completed _____	Total GPA _____
Reviewed by: _____	Interview date: _____	
Accepted: _____ Yes		_____ No