



SAGINAW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD

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Saginaw Public Schools Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Application Packet

Overview & Selection Process

The Student Member of the Board (SMOB) is appointed by the Saginaw Board of Education to represent student interests in district policy discussions. While the SMOB is not a voting member and may not bring issues to the floor independently, the student is encouraged to speak when addressed and actively participate in discussions, offering valuable insight into student perspectives.

This role acknowledges the importance of student voice in shaping educational experiences and policies. Though non-voting, the SMOB's participation demonstrates the Board's commitment to student engagement and informed dialogue.

General Guidelines

- The student shall be seated with the Board during public meetings.
- The student may not introduce, support, or vote on motions.
- The student is encouraged to participate in discussions when appropriate.
- The student may not attend closed sessions or disciplinary hearings unless explicitly authorized.
- The student shall not be counted toward establishing a quorum

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a current sophomore or junior enrolled in Saginaw Public Schools
- Must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 from the preceding quarter
- Must demonstrate strong communication skills and an interest in policy and student advocacy

Application Timeline (Tentative)

- Application Packet Due: Friday, May 17, 2025
- Interview Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Final Selection Announced: Monday, May 26, 2025

Application Components Please submit the following in one complete PDF scan to Dr. Mit Foley at mfoley@spsd.net:

- Completed Application Form
- Essay Responses (see prompts below)
- Resume (typed)
- Student Biography (no more than 300 words)
- Three Letters of Recommendation (Principal, High School Teacher, Community Leader)
- Signed Publicity Release Form (Information Card)

Essay Prompts (250 words each)

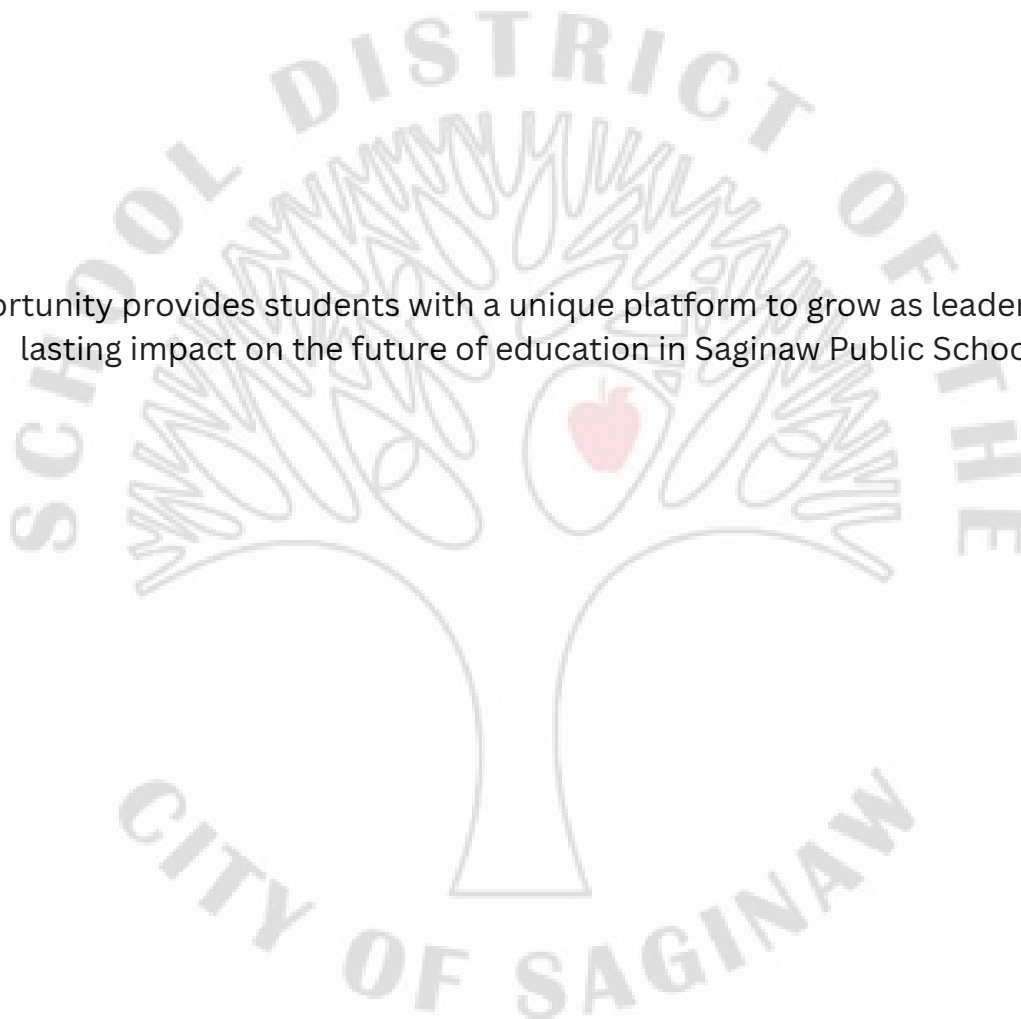
1. What is one significant issue facing students in our district today, and how should the Board address it?
2. What do you believe is the role of the Student Member of the Board, and how would you contribute meaningfully in this role?

Additional Expectations

- Attend regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing agendas and relevant documents
- Engage with peers and school stakeholders to inform your perspective
- Participate in new Board Member orientation sessions

Contact Information For questions or additional information, please contact:
Dr. Mit L. Foley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction
mfoley@spsd.net

This opportunity provides students with a unique platform to grow as leaders and make a lasting impact on the future of education in Saginaw Public Schools.



Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Application Form

Student Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Grade Level for 2025-2026 School Year: Junior / Senior (circle one)

Current GPA (preceding quarter): _____ (Must be 3.0 or higher)

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Application Checklist (to submit as ONE PDF):

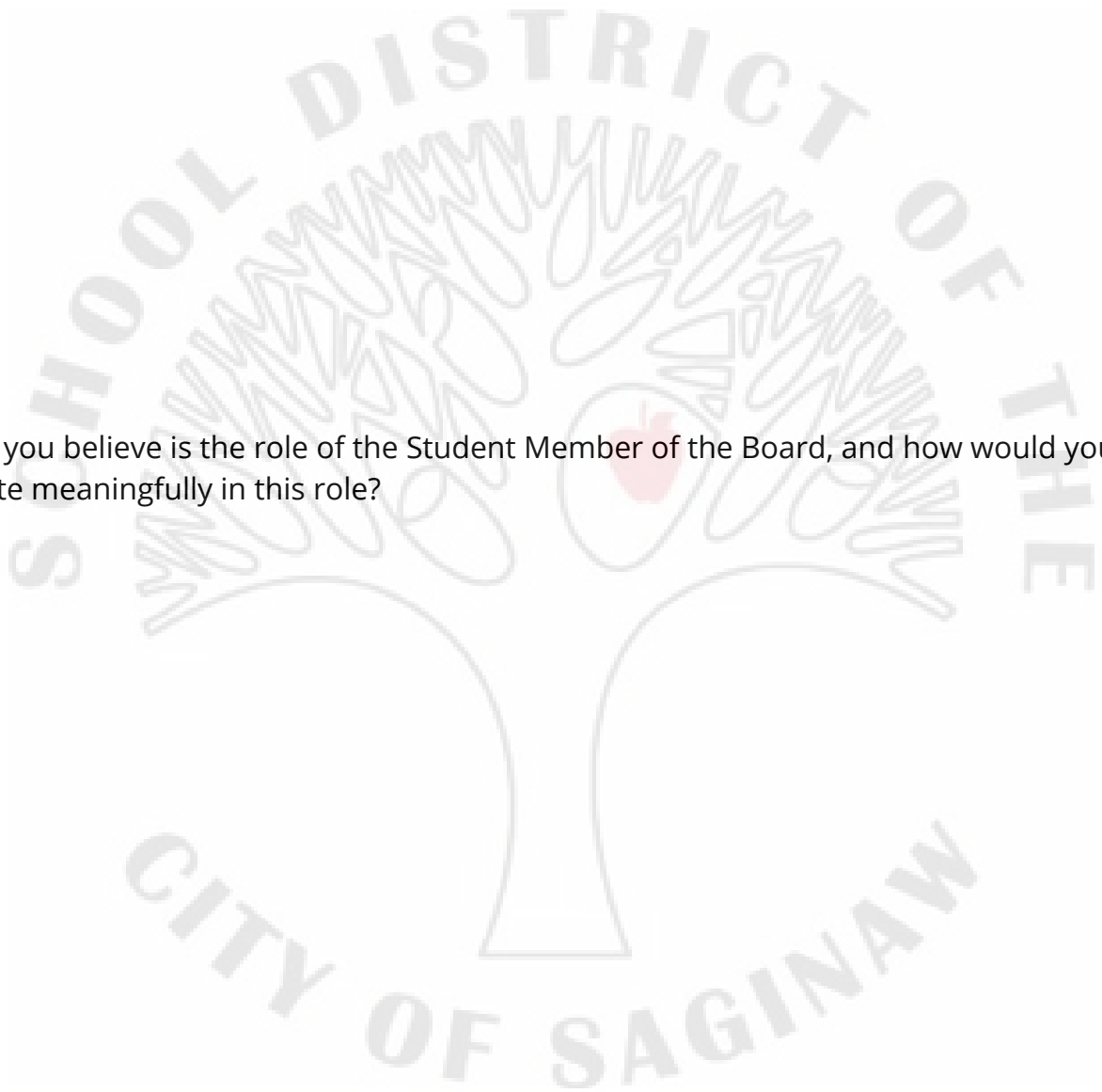
- ☐ Completed Application Form
- ☐ Essay Responses (2 essays, 250 words each)
- ☐ Resume (typed)
- ☐ Student Biography (maximum 300 words)
- ☐ Three Letters of Recommendation (Principal, Teacher, Community Leader)
- ☐ Signed Publicity Release Form (Back of Information Card)

Essay Prompts

(Answer each in approximately 250 words.)

What is one significant issue facing students in our district today, and how should the Board address it?

What do you believe is the role of the Student Member of the Board, and how would you contribute meaningfully in this role?



Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit Completed Application by Friday, May 17, 2025, to:

Dr. Mit Foley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction

Email: mfoley@spsd.net



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Student Member of the Board (SMOB) Recommendation Form

Applicant Name: _____

Recommender Name: _____

Recommender Title/Position: _____

School/Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applicant Qualities

Please rate the applicant in the following areas based on your knowledge of their skills and character.
Select one: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, or Not Observed.

Characteristic	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Observed
Leadership skills					
Communication skills					
Ability to represent diverse student voices					
Maturity and professionalism					
Ability to work collaboratively					
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills					
Empathy and understanding of others					
Responsibility and dependability					

1. How long have you known the applicant? (Check one)

☐ 0–1 year

☐ 2–3 years

☐ 4–5 years

☐ More than 5 years

2. In what capacity have you known the applicant?

(e.g., teacher, coach, community mentor)

3. What qualities does the applicant possess that would make them an effective Student Member of the Board?

4. Provide a brief example demonstrating the applicant's leadership, advocacy, or impact within the school or community.

5. Additional comments or observations that support the applicant's candidacy:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

