

Long Reach Community Association

Application for Student Member Position

Each year, the Long Reach Community Association (LRCA) Village Board may appoint 1-2 high school students to the LRCA Student Member Committee for a one-year term for the period September 1 – August 31. The student member functions as a non-voting advisory member of the Village Board. This packet explains the application and selection processes, and contains a copy of the application.

Application Requirements:

1. All rising sophomore, junior or seniors are eligible to apply for appointment as one of the two Student Member positions.
2. A typed essay not to exceed 500 words sharing your past and current involvement in all Student Government and leadership groups and projects, along with reasons for why you want to be on the village board and what you hope to accomplish during your term if appointed to the position.
3. Two letters of recommendation supplying evidence of involvement in student government and/or leadership activities.
 - a. If attending a public or private school, one letter from the school's principal and one letter from an SGA or other leadership program advisor.
 - b. If home schooled, two letters should be supplied from adults other than one's parents/guardians that can supply evidence of involvement in student government and/or leadership activities.
4. Resume (optional)
5. Applicant must be a resident of the Village of Long Reach and reside on CA assessed property (including renters residing on Long Reach CA assessed property).
6. Applicants will be disqualified if they are members of the same household of members of the Long Reach Board of Directors, the Long Reach Columbia Council Representative or employees of the Long Reach Community Association.

All applications are due to:

Long Reach Community Association
Stonehouse
8775 Cloudleap Court
Columbia MD 21045

No later than **September 30, 2015**

Student Member Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

High School Attending: _____

Current Grade Level:

Date of Birth:

Expectations:

- The student member(s) will regularly attend Board of Directors meetings held at Stonehouse (usually held from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.).
- The student member(s) will be responsible for transportation to and from the Board meetings.
- The student member(s) will also serve as community liaisons at their respective high schools/educational organizations and communicate current community happenings and issues.
- All applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with the Board of Directors.

Application Checklist:

- ___ Essay (max. 500 words)
- ___ Letter of Recommendation from School Principal
- ___ Letter of Recommendation from SGA/Leadership advisor
- ___ **OR** (only if homeschooled) Two letters of recommendation from outside mentors/adults
- ___ Resume *optional*

Statement of Understanding: I have read the information about the Student Member and the description of the selection process for the Student Member, both of which appear above. I have also read the additional Student Member Committee Charter. I understand and agree to participate in the selection process. If successful in the selection process and later appointed by the LRCA Village Board to the position of Student Member, I will perform the responsibilities of the Student Member to the best of my ability.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Student Liaison Charter

The Long Reach Community Association (LRCA) Board of Directors has chartered a special committee comprised of interested youth to enhance the well-being of the community by facilitating the active involvement of teens addressing issues relating to the youth of the Long Reach community.

The committee will consist of up to two students. The committee member(s) will be referred to as the Student Member(s) on the Long Reach Village Board. Communications will be established, and the committee will advise the Board and if requested represent the Board.

The committee will be called the Student Member Committee. The member(s) will be responsible for liaison to the Board, and to the county if needed.

Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the Student Member(s) is to hold an advisory position on the Board. The Student Member(s) will regularly attend Board meetings. The student member(s) will have an opinion vote only on all matters other than personnel matters, budgetary matters, and contracts and is not eligible to participate in Executive Sessions.

- Any student applying for the Student Member position must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior.
- The student(s) will be appointed through an interview and application procedure at the discretion of the current Village Board members. The LRCA Student Member(s) will be appointed for a one-year term for the period September 1 – August 31.
- It is expected that the Student Member(s) will regularly attend the Board meetings and serve as a consistent liaison for the youth of the community.
- It is expected that the Student Member(s) will serve as chairperson(s) for the Teen Advisory Committee to promote teen involvement in the community through planning and implementing teen events and volunteer programs, including but not limited to, the following community events:
 - Long Reach Halloween Event
 - Searching for Spring Easter Egg Hunt