

Dear incoming Freshman and parents (current 8th graders):

We are glad that you are considering membership in the Leon High School Student Government Association for the 2021-22 school year. It is our hope that you will become one of the designated student leaders on our campus. Remember, in order to be eligible for membership, you must have *at least* a 3.0 GPA (cumulative, weighted) and have no more than two “2’s” and no “1’s” in citizenship during the grading periods this school year.

ALL students wishing to run for elected class office OR interview for a position in the Leadership Class MUST complete this application if they are not currently in the SGA/Leadership Class. *So, this means if you complete this application now and are not admitted through the interview process, you will not have to complete it in the fall if you choose to run for an elected office during our Freshman Election; only have to do this part once each year.*

Although we would like to accept everyone that applies, we will not be able to retain all of the applicants. Therefore we are conducting an application and interview process, much like those you may encounter in the job market. This process will include a formal application, an email questionnaire to your teachers, and an interview with a panel of faculty, students, and community members.

For your application, you will be required to give us some information about yourself, your academics, and your extra-curricular activities. You will also need to answer a few questions to give us a good idea of who you are and what you can bring to the organization.

The second part of the process involves an evaluation of your academic and citizenship performance which includes comments from your teachers. This is a confidential process in which I solicit candid input from them. Attached to the application you will find instructions for the SGA Teacher Recommendation Forms, which you must connect with your teachers and have them submit to me.

The interview will likely be the final part of the process for you. Be prepared to answer for anything. You will receive more instructions about that after the elections are over.

Please be aware that there will be strict deadlines for application to SGA. All applications are due to Mr. Stewart in Rm. 305 by FRIDAY, April 30. The interviews will likely be in mid-late May. All those who have submitted an application are eligible to participate in the interview process and will be sent more information about it as it becomes available.

SGA requires hard work and dedication in order to run smoothly and effectively. You will be required to attend events after school and on weekends at various times. There will be tasks and responsibilities to keep up with on a daily, weekly, and quarterly basis. If selected to be part of the tradition of excellence here at Leon High School’s SGA, you will be expected to uphold it and carry it on to the next generation of students. Are you up to the challenge? If so, good luck – we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Your SGA Advisor
Mr. Stewart
stewartj@leonschools.net

Leon SGA INCOMING FRESHMAN Application Packet

Name _____ 8th Grade _____ GPA _____ (cum. weighted)

Current School _____

Address _____ Phone (H) _____
_____ (C) _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s) _____

Please list all Extra-Curricular Activities you are involved in (clubs, sports, hobbies, etc):

Please list any experiences that you feel would qualify you for membership in SGA:

Do you have access to transportation (yourself, friends, parents) to attend SGA-sponsored activities outside of the regular school day? Y / N

SHORT ESSAY:

Please type the answer to two of the following three questions in no more than two (2) paragraphs.

1. Why the Student Government Association, and why now? (instead of pursuing other things or settling in first, considering this is only your first year of high school)
2. What unique skills, experiences, or special abilities do you possess which would make you an asset to Leon's SGA?
3. What would you like to accomplish in high school and beyond that being in SGA would help you more than, say, being a club officer, team captain, or community service junky?

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- **Full points** = at least 10 hours of Community Service since July of 2020
- Attach documentation/verification of them to this packet when you turn it in

REFERENCES:

- you need to have one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator **OR** one (1) from a non-related individual in the community, that will address *your leadership, character, and service attributes that qualify you for membership in SGA*
- once you have applied, your name will be submitted to your teachers to solicit comments concerning your leadership, character, and service in the classroom

REPORT CARD:

- You must attach a **copy** of your most recent report card to this packet when you turn it in

CONSENT:

I have read and understand the application materials contained in this packet and give permission for my child to participate in SGA if selected. I understand that involvement in SGA is an academic *and* extra-curricular commitment that will involve time requirements outside of the regular school day, ***along with the regularly scheduled SGA Leadership Class.***

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the application materials. I realize that failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the application process, and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information that I have submitted is true and complete. If selected, I promise to uphold the constitution and conduct myself with the utmost integrity at all times.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

To obtain your Teacher Recommendation Forms, come to room 305 and pick up a set < OR > you can email me and I can send you an electronic copy to send to your teachers.

You should always fill out your name on the forms that you hand to the teachers so they don't have to do that for you. (They're already filling out a bunch of these forms....don't make it harder on them.)

THE TEACHERS WILL SEND THEM BACK DIRECTLY TO ME. YOU SHOULD NOT ASK FOR THEM BACK UNLESS YOU ARE ALSO PROVIDING THE TEACHERS WITH AN ENVELOPE THAT THEY CAN SEAL AND SEND BACK.

Make sure you give these to ALL of your teachers. This is not a letter of recommendation – this is more of an evaluation. ALL your teachers should be able to participate.