

LINCOLN SOUTHEAST STUDENT COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2013-2014

How to apply for Student Council membership:

1. Carefully read the following information and follow the directions on this page.
2. Complete the Student Council application. The completed application must be returned to:
Crystal Folden or Michelle Stewart at Lincoln Southeast High School
by Tuesday, May 7th, 2013.
Late applications will not be accepted.
3. You will need two recommendations from your teachers and/or counselor.
One recommendation must be from a core-class teacher: this includes Math, Science, Social Studies, and English.
The other recommendation may be from any teacher and/or your counselor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!!!

Election Process Information for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

- Four Student Council members will be elected by each grade.
On **Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th**, the elections will be held online.
- Four additional members will be selected by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee consists of the current seniors on Student Council, at least one administrator, and Student Council sponsors Crystal Folden and Michelle Stewart. Any student on the ballot who is not elected by the student body will be eligible for selection by the Selection Committee.
- One additional member will be selected by the Selection Committee to serve as the Council's Multicultural Representative.

Information for Freshmen

- Eight Student Council members will be selected by the Selection Committee.

Information for all students

- The 2013-2014 Student Council roster will be posted after school at LSE and at the middle schools on Friday, **May 17, 2013.**
- All Student Council members will meet three days a week from 7:00 to 7:45 am.
Students will receive 2.5 credit hours/semester and a grade in Student Council.
- All new members to LSE Student Council will be required to meet two additional days each week for one semester in order to complete the leadership class from 7:00 am to 7:45 am. Students will learn how to apply leadership skills to a variety of situations. An emphasis will be placed on learning specific life long leadership skills such as problem solving, decision-making, parliamentary procedure, goal setting, communication, time-management, and human relations.
- If you have any questions, please contact:

Crystal Folden
Student Council Sponsor
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Michelle Stewart
Student Council Sponsor
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**Lincoln Southeast High School
2013-2014 Student Council Application**

Name _____ Current School _____ Grade **NEXT** year _____

Teachers/counselor who are recommending you (1) _____ (2) _____
(Core Class Teacher) (2nd Teacher or counselor)

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Attach your answers to this application form. If you are not elected by popular vote, you will still be considered for appointment by the Student Council Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will review your answers to these application questions as well as your teacher recommendations.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Lincoln Southeast High School Student Council?
2. What leadership qualities will you bring to Student Council? How have you used them in the past?
3. Student Council meets in the mornings during 1st period beginning at 7:00 am. Student Council members are also expected to attend some evening and weekend activities. Are you willing to set aside your mornings and some additional time each week for Student Council? Explain why this time commitment is important for the Council's success.
4. Identify a problem within your school. What could Student Council do to address this issue? Here are some options to write about: peer pressure, cheating, attendance, discrimination, student-administration relationship, bullying, etc.
5. As a Student Council member you will have to make some important decisions. Choose one of the situations listed below and explain how you would make the decision in that situation. (Feel free to answer more if you wish.)
 - a) Student Council does a great deal of fund raising during the year. What new and creative ideas do you have for fund raising at Southeast?
 - b) Southeast takes great pride in the school. We are continuously trying to increase our school spirit. How could Student Council work to improve and increase student involvement?
 - c) Student Council members are required to do 3 hours of community service a semester. What service projects would you like to see done that the Council could do as a whole. Why?
6. And now for some fun questions so we can get to know your personality and creativity. Answer three or more of the following questions:
 - a) Through the use of a time machine, you are traveling back to 1850. You may take with you one product or invention from the modern era. What would you take with you to impress and awe our forbearers?
 - b) What thought or sentiment would you like to have copied and put into one million fortune cookies?
 - c) If you had to describe your role in Student Council as a food, what would you pick?
 - d) What Disney character would you be? Why?
 - e) If you could possess any super power, what would it be? Why?
 - f) If your doctor said you have only 24 hours to live, how would you spend your last day?

I have read the information about the LSE Student Council. I understand that Student Council will meet from 7:00 am to 7:45 am (1st period), although there will be numerous time commitments outside of school time. If elected/selected, I agree to make Student Council as much a priority as my other commitments. I further understand that I am a representative of Southeast High School and that any illegal activity, including the use of drugs and alcohol, can be grounds for removal from Student Council.

Student Signature _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Parent Signature _____

**Return completed application by Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 by 3:00 p.m. to:
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2930 S. 37th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506**

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**Teacher or Counselor Recommendation Form
Lincoln Southeast High School Student Council**

To the teacher or counselor: Please complete the following questions about this student who has applied to be a member of the Lincoln Southeast Student Council. If you need more space to complete your answers, you may use the back of this form or attach additional pages. *Your responses will not be shown to the candidate applying for Student Council membership. We rely heavily on the comments you make when selecting members.*

Thank you for taking your time to fill this out for the student.

Student's Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Your Name _____ Position _____

1. Do you feel this person would be a responsible member of the LSE Student Council? Why?

2. What leadership qualities does this student possess?

3. Please rank the student on a scale of 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest.

1 = not observed, 2 = Poor, 3 = Below Average, 4 = Average, 5 = Above Average, 6 = Excellent, 7 = use this sparingly for those who are absolutely outstanding

ability to use class time wisely	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
potential for leadership development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ability to work with others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ability to fairly represent students	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ability to positively influence others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

4. Please rank the student on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, on how highly you would recommend this student for Student Council?

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