



# MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

## Student Government Association

### Independent Student Senator Application 2025-2026

*Please answer the following questions and attach any additional documents you may find beneficial to your application. Please submit all documents to [sgavp@messiah.edu](mailto:sgavp@messiah.edu).*

*We will inform you of your membership status as soon as possible. Thank you for taking the time to apply! If you have any questions, please contact Kaleb Curtis at [sgavp@messiah.edu](mailto:sgavp@messiah.edu) with "Senate Application" in the subject line.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class State (circle or highlight one):**

First-Year    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

**Are you available to serve for the full Academic year?**

Yes                  No

1. How did you hear about SGA?
2. Are you currently involved with the Messiah Community? If so, how/where? If not, what made you want to get involved now?
3. Why do you want to serve as a Student Senator?
4. What would you characterize as your greatest strengths? How could you use your strengths to aid Student Senate?
5. What are some areas of improvement you would like to work on? How do you think Student Senate could help you grow in your area of improvement?
6. What do you believe is Messiah University's most pressing issue? How would you use your service on Student Senate to address it?

## **Committees**

The Student Senate Committees are designed to be the “Think Tanks” of our governing body. Each senator will serve on one of these three committees, giving them the opportunity to think critically about the most pressing and relevant issues that affect our peers within the student body and work towards campus reform. Please carefully consider which committee would most interest you, as this may be one of the most influential and impactful ways you serve the Messiah community.

### **Student Engagement Council**

The Student Engagement Council connects students, faculty, and campus organizations by promoting communication, collaboration, and community. Members help amplify the student voice through surveys, focus groups, and town halls, while also planning key campus events like the White-Out March, Powderpuff, and Eggstravaganza. By partnering with clubs and departments, managing engagement tables, and supporting SGA social media efforts, the council plays a vital role in shaping campus culture and ensuring students are informed, involved, and heard. Find more about this committee in the SGA Governance Manual under section **3.2.1**.

**Chair:** Vice President of Engagement

### **Finance and Organizations Committee:**

The Finance and Organizations Committee plays a critical role in managing and recommending SGA’s semester budget by reviewing student organization funding requests, conducting budget audits, and evaluating club performance. In partnership with the Vice Presidents of Finance and Organizations, the committee ensures the financial health of SGA by presenting balanced budget proposals, reviewing capital purchases, and overseeing the Student Activities Fee. Additionally, the committee responds to student concerns about educational costs and helps guide the formation, status, and funding of campus clubs in accordance with SGA policies. Find more about this committee in the SGA Governance Manual under section **3.2.2**.

**Chairs:** Vice President of Finance and Vice President of Organizations

**Social Concerns Committee** Recommend to the Administration changes and improvements in regards to: residence life issues, athletic concerns, concerns with counseling and health services, environmental concerns, and other co-curricular program and policy issues, concerns about on-campus social dynamics and interactions. An end-of-year report is compiled to summarize the status of key campus areas and ongoing concerns. Find more about this committee in the SGA Governance Manual under section **3.2.3**.

**Chair:** Vice President of Diversity Affairs

**First Choice:**

**Second Choice:**