

STUDENT COUNCIL

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Application for Membership

Student Council is a student led organization made up of elected and non-elected members. The Student Council leads activities such as FISH CAMP, Spirit Weeks, Red Ribbon Week, Food Drives, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Care Week, Cultural Week, Beautiful Day, and many other events throughout the year. We also promote community involvement and many other programs that are designed to educate and encourage students to live a safe and healthy lifestyle. **Meetings are usually bi-monthly on Tuesdays after school and usually last from 45 minutes to one hour.** The application process requires you to fill out this form completely and have it turned in with annual dues by **October 1, 2016.** If you participate and meet your point requirements, you will be considered a Student Council Member. Membership will be revoked if standards are not maintained. **Annual dues will be \$50. These fees cover a variety of expenses that are voted on by the entire student council and benefit the members or student council events only.**

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

The officers of an organization are not the only ones responsibilities. Each member is a vital part of the organization and has an obligation to take an active and informed part in the proceedings of the organization's meetings.

A good member:

- ✓ Shows respect for other members by being on time and bringing necessary equipment to the meetings.
- ✓ Accepts the responsibility of sharing in the business at hand when a meeting convenes and understands that participation is essential.
- ✓ Tries to get other members to express their ideas for the benefit of all, even if it means less time for presenting personal ideas.
- ✓ Participates according to the "Golden Rule." Listens appreciatively to others' ideas and contributions.
- ✓ Gives constant, active attention to the group's activity during the meeting.
- ✓ Knows the purpose of the meeting and helps keep the ideas on track to get things done.
- ✓ Earns the right to give constructive criticism freely by accepting it honestly.
- ✓ Checks on assigned responsibilities and receives guidance and authority to carry them out.
- ✓ Leads both in and out of the classroom and understands that they represent StuCo at all times

A poor member:

- Breaks the spirit of the meeting by always arriving late and unprepared. Keeps completely to self or creates conflict during the meeting.
- Lets everyone else do it. Fails to understand the active role that a good member must play. Is content to let others do the work.
- Feels so proud of his/her own ideas that this person dominates discussions without concern for others.
- Does not listen to others or is impatient, sarcastic, or belittling.
- Ignores others by sitting apart from the group or forming whisper groups with neighbors.
- Has a fuzzy idea of purposes but thinks that just being there is sufficient.
- Undermines the group and objectives with petty criticism.
- [IS Not a good example of leadership]
- Accepts responsibilities, committee posts, etc., but forgets about the assignment.

As a member of Student Council you are expected to participate in a variety of activities. Some of the responsibilities are as follows: making posters, fundraisers, bringing supplies (cookies, posterboard, etc.), community service projects, dressing appropriately on theme days, and much more. *You are expected to abide by the Student Council Constitution.* The main idea of the constitution is that you will be a student above reproach and set an example of moral and ethical living for all. (If you would like a copy of the Constitution, see the TCHS StuCo website.) All members are requested to serve on a planning committee and must complete the minimum number of points on each month's point sheet. Failure to meet the monthly point expectations, for more than one month, will risk removal from student council. If you agree to all statements above please sign below.

Student Signature: _____

I agree to my student's decision to become a part of the Timber Creek High School Student Council and support any disciplinary actions, including removal from membership, need they be taken during his/her involvement.

Parent Signature: _____

Member Information

STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address/City/Zip: _____
Home Phone Number: _____ Grade (2016-2017): ____ Birthday ____/____/____
E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____
Other Activities: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names, Phone Numbers, E-mail Addresses, and Occupations:
Name: _____ Home (____) ____ - ____; Work (____) ____ - ____
Name: _____ Home (____) ____ - ____; Work (____) ____ - ____
Parent E-mail Address(s): _____
Parent Occupations: _____

Teacher Recommendations – Please print the names of 5 teachers that you want the recommendation form sent to. All recommendations will be done electronically.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

****Freshman – Include the names of 5 of your middle school teachers who know you well. Must be Keller ISD teachers. If you are from a different district, you will need to get one letter of recommendation from a previous teacher.**

Please rank your interests in the following: 1 being most interested, 6 being least.

Energy and Environment: _____ Fundraising: _____ DASH (Drugs-Alcohol-Safety-
Pride and Patriotism: _____ Community Service: _____ Health): _____
Teacher Appreciation: _____

Please include a 1-2 sentence response to each of the questions below with your application.

1. Why would you like to be a member of the Timber Creek High School Student Council?

2. What skills and experiences do you hope to get from your time on Student Council?

3. What do you like best about being a student at Timber Creek? What improvements would you like to see?

Pay your dues on-line

URL for the web store: <https://intouch.kellerisd.net>

User name = student’s ID number

Password = student’s last name

Turn in completed application and pay dues no later than October 1st, 2016.