**Independent Student Senator Application 2024-2025**

*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 Gabi Kovalchick 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 |
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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:** Pioneer and manage initiatives seeking to integrate the student voice into the functions and mission of SGA through, but not limited to, engagement tables in partnership with various clubs or college departments, student surveys, focus groups, town hall meetings, or special events. Find more about this committee in the SGA Governance Manual under section **3.2.1**.

**Chair:** Vice President of Engagement

**Finance and Organizations Committee:** Meet at the beginning of each semester to review organizations’ budget requests and submit a comprehensive balanced budget proposal to the Student Senate for approval by a majority vote. Assess and respond to student concerns about educational costs including tuition, room, board, and miscellaneous expenses. 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:** Assess and address student concerns about social needs and co-curricular programs. 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. 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:**