



EDUCATORS RISING

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES & CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTION

For Delaware Student Officer Leadership Team Candidacy

The completed application and all supporting materials must be
submitted by January 9th, 2026 at 5 p.m. EST.



REFERENCE MATERIALS

DELAWARE EDUCATORS RISING

STATE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

The primary responsibility of the student officers of Educators Rising is to be ambassadors for the organization and the future of the teacher profession. Effective state level officers are articulate, self-motivated, outgoing, conscientious students with a passion for Educators Rising's mission and vision, who will promote the organization as essential to the cultivation of tomorrow's great educators. Officers must be comfortable with public speaking and connecting with education stakeholders (students, teachers, administrators, policymakers, etc.) both virtually and in person.

Specific roles (i.e. President, Vice President) will be selected at the officer training in March 2026 on dates to be determined. Each role may contain specific duties unique to it, but all state level student officers of Educators Rising will:

- Travel several times throughout their term to Educators Rising events, including but not limited to:

- *Statewide educational events
- *State student officer/leadership training in June
- *Chapter meetings and events throughout the state
- * Delaware Teacher Academy Training, Summer 2026
- *Monthly statewide officer meetings
- *Legislator Appreciation Day
- *2026 CTSO Fall Leadership Conference
- *2026 Educators Rising State Conference
- *2026 Educators Rising National Conference
- *2027 Educators Rising State Conference

-Help plan and attend the 2026 Educators Rising State Leadership Conference in February 2026, as well as:

- *Collaborate to lead the conference;
- *Lead a workshop for students interested in Educators Rising leadership roles;
- *Participate in regular conference calls with other student officers/ambassadors and Educators Rising staff;
- *Write for Educators Rising publications;
- *Participate in Educators Rising social media campaigns, including blogging and posting regularly to Educators Rising sites and other education organizations' sites; and
- *Perform other duties as assigned as a positive, professional role model.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order for a student to be eligible for candidacy, the following requirements must be met:

1. Must be an **active member of an Educators Rising chapter** and have an interest in exploring education as a career.
2. Must currently be in grades 7-12.
3. Must maintain a 2.5 average or better. (Subject to review by board of directors)
4. Must be a role model of appropriate student behavior at school and in the community and demonstrate positive leadership skills. **This includes social media and moments not associated with Educators Rising.**
5. Must submit a completed application by **January 9, 2026 by 5:00 pm.**

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Nomination Phase

- interested applicants complete an application and submit it to the State Advisor by the deadline
- participate in a video conference interview **on 1/20/26** to determine advancement to the next step
- students will have the opportunity to be present on **2/10-2/11/2026** to campaign/assist current SOLT
- applicants prepare a presentation responding to the prompt (**the presentation will be pre-recorded and shared with members prior to the conference**) as well as an executive brief.

Voting Phase

- State officer candidates will present their 2-minute virtual / pre-recorded presentation to the statewide membership; the video will be shared on the conference app, through email, social media, and advisors

Election Phase

- Voting delegates will submit their votes at the State Conference. Schools not in attendance will be able to vote virtually on February 9, 2026. Installation of the State Executive Council will take place at the Luncheon during the State Conference.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Biographical Information & Application Form
- Statement of Understanding
 - Did you initial next to every statement?
 - Did you sign and date it and insert your name?
 - Did your teacher leader provide printed name, signature, and date?
 - Did your parent/guardian sign and date it and insert his/her name?
- Video & Executive Brief
 - Did you complete an introductory video of less than 5 minutes?
 - Did you write an executive brief that answers the second prompt in 1-2 pages?
- Approval Form
 - Did the appropriate people (advisor, administrator, and parent) complete all portions?
- Transcript and Report Card
 - Did you submit your most recent report card and transcript?
- Photo Consent and Release Agreement
 - Did you insert your name in each required blank space?
 - Did you sign and date it?
 - Did your parent/guardian provide printed name, signature, and date?
- Parent Permission Form
 - Did you insert your name in each required blank space?
 - Did you sign and date it?
 - Did your parent/guardian provide printed name, signature, and date?



STATE OFFICER APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Birthdate _____

Grade _____ GPA: _____ Cell phone _____

School _____

School Phone _____ School FAX _____

Principal _____

Advisor's Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:

Facebook: _____

Twitter: _____

Instagram: _____

Snapchat: _____

Other: _____

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I understand that I am running as a candidate for general Educators Rising State Officer Leadership Team position — not for a specific office (i.e. President). If I am selected as an Educators Rising State Student Officer, I am prepared to take on the specific office offered to me (i.e. President, Vice President).

_____ **Applicant Initials**

I understand that if I am elected as a 2026-2027 Delaware State Student Officer, I must attend the 2026 Delaware Educators Rising State Conference at University of Delaware in Newark, DE 2026 Educators Rising National Conference, 2026 Fall Leadership Conference, and the 2027 Delaware Educators Rising State Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE. I will attend the Executive Council Meetings, Summer Meetings, State Leadership Conference, Local Chapter Meetings and this year's National Leadership Meeting. **This may mean that I must give up other activities or a job to participate in these functions.** I have also read and agree to all of the functions listed on the requirements section of the application information.

_____ **Applicant Initials**

I have read the requirements and job description for state student officers, and I agree to abide by them if elected to office.

_____ **Applicant Initials**

I understand that, if elected, I may be relieved of said office during my term based on cause, including legal or school-based disciplinary action, inappropriate social media conduct, unprofessionalism, or dereliction of duty. Such situations will be reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis by Educators Rising staff.

_____ **Applicant Initials**

I understand that Educators Rising State Student Officers are required to travel during the term of office. If elected to office, I agree to take the necessary steps to ensure that all school absences and missed work are pre-approved by my school administration.

_____ **Applicant Initials**

If elected as a state officer, I pledge to do my utmost in carrying out my duties and serve as a role model of a youth seeking to have a positive influence on others and my community.

_____ **Applicant Initials**

I further agree to secure at my expense the uniform that has been agreed upon by the majority vote of the Executive Council

_____ **Applicant Initials**

Signature of Applicant

Date



NOMINATION FORM FOR STATE EDUCATORS RISING OFFICER

Applicant: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Please have the appropriate persons read and respond to their respective sections below. Any section not signed will invalidate the application.

PARENT

My child has advised me of his/her interest in running for an office for the Delaware chapter of Educators Rising. While I understand it is not to interfere with school work, a number of hours will be required. I also understand that my child will be required to attend meetings after school hours which will may travel to Dover, engage in site visits at all schools, participate in virtual meetings, and to take a leadership role in the Conferences throughout the state. I support my child's commitment to the responsibilities of office. I have read and approved all of this application.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

PRINCIPAL

This is to certify that the above named student has satisfactory grades to be involved in this extracurricular activity. If elected, I will make it possible for him/her and his/her advisor to be away from school to attend designated State Executive Council Meetings, the State Leadership Conference, state requested functions, and the National Conference.

Principal's Signature/or Designee

Date

ADVISOR

This is to certify that the above-named student is making satisfactory progress and that the student exhibits appropriate academic progress. This student has demonstrated leadership potential and/or skills that will enhance the productivity of the Delaware Educators Rising State Executive Committee. Serving as an Educators Rising State Officer will contribute to achieving both educational and career goals and presents no threat to the academic expectations for this student.

Educators Rising Chapter Advisor's Signature

Date



PARENT PERMISSION FORM

(to be completed by the parents of the candidate)

I understand that my child _____ is being nominated as a state officer for the Delaware Chapter of the Future Educators Association. I have read the nomination materials regarding the commitment to be a state officer. I am willing to work with the advisor of the Educators Rising chapter to which my child belongs to support my child in fulfilling the duties of being a state officer.

I understand that the state officers are expected to attend the following meetings:

- *Statewide educational events
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- *Chapter meetings and events throughout the state
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I understand that being a state officer involves the following financial commitment:

- Membership in the National Educators Rising
- Purchase the uniform selected by the majority vote of the Executive Council
- Travel to and from meetings
- Meals, if eaten, on the way to or from the meetings
- Registration fees for state conferences
- Spending money for regional and national meetings
- Costs to attend regional and national meetings which include the registration, travel, food, and housing expenses.

***I agree to support my child in his/her role as a state officer.
If elected, notarized medical information will be required.***

Parent Signature

Date



VIDEO & WRITTEN PROMPTS

Applicants must submit a video of no more than 2 minutes for social media use and an executive brief with no more than two-pages. You may type your responses and upload it as a Word document or in PDF format. Please be careful to avoid spelling and grammar errors. The nominating committee will consider the clarity and quality of these responses in the decision-making process.

Video Prompt:

Introduce yourself, explain your participation in Educators Rising, and provide insight to your passion for service and education. How will your characteristics, dispositions, experience, or expertise contribute to the officer team and allow you to serve as a credible ambassador and thoughtful leader? What are your initial thoughts on how you would contribute next year to the team and meet the organization's goals? In short, why you?

Written Prompt:

What are your initial ideas for growing and strengthening our organization? Given your knowledge and experience with Educators Rising, what do you believe are smart, ambitious, and achievable efforts for the organization to undertake? What gaps do you see that if addressed would allow our organization to increase our impact?

*You can use charts, graphics, and other visuals to support your message. Please make this a visually appealing to both students and adults, while including a clear focus.

PLEASE NOTE THIS APPLICATION PROCESS AND WRITTEN PORTION REFLECT THE NATIONAL EDUCATORS RISING OFFICER CANDIDACY POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS. THEY HAVE BEEN REDESIGNED IN ORDER TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE OF DELAWARE PROGRAM.