

January 15, 2014

Dear prospective applicant,

As the current Graduate/Professional Student Member of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, I am writing to share with you information regarding the Board of Trustees and the application process.

The Board currently consists of 19 members. The Governor of Ohio appoints 15 voting members who serve nine-year terms and two non-voting, student members. The Undergraduate Student Trustee and the Graduate/Professional Student Trustee each serve two-year, staggered terms, and vote at the committee level and attend Board executive sessions. The remaining positions are filled by two charter trustee members, who are selected by the Board and must be non-residents of Ohio, and who have attendance and voting responsibilities similar to student trustees.

The Board of Trustees is the highest level of governance at Ohio State. The Board serves as the chief fiduciary and strategic body of the university, considering both internal and external issues and opportunities before the university. Examples of the former include campus master planning, development, and investments, and the fiscal responsibility for all facets of university operations. Examples of the latter include enrollment planning, research and teaching strategies, and advancement strategies. The Board's decisions on all of the issues facing the university ultimately shape the future of Ohio State and directly impact students, faculty, and staff who make up the university community. In holding fiduciary and strategic responsibility for a major research and land-grant university, the Board's decisions also have a significant impact on the citizens of Ohio, regional economies, and the broader higher education community. Ohio State's mission, to advance the well-being of the people of the state of Ohio and the global community through the creation and dissemination of knowledge, is of the utmost importance when making decisions. Given the challenges that we face as a nation and across the world, Ohio State will play an increasingly important role in providing innovative ideas and solutions, and a platform for demonstrating these ideas and solutions in a national arena. The Ohio State Board of Trustees believes in putting students first at the university. Student trustees participate in all Board activities and provide an on-campus, student perspective to Board discussions. This perspective is unique and highly valued, making the student trustees an invaluable and important component in Ohio State's governance model.

Ohio State's unique position as Ohio's flagship university enhances the importance of the Ohio State Board of Trustees. Directed by the university's strategic goals, the trustees set policies and guide strategy to continue to enhance Ohio State's excellence in research, scholarship, and service. As a Student Trustee, you will work with the Board in guiding the university, but you will also learn more about higher education and public service.

While participating at this level of governance provides abundant opportunities to serve your university and Ohio, it is also important to note that the position requires significant investments of time. While the commitment varies from week to week based on Board meetings and other university functions, your obligations on the Board are significant in nature. Additionally, you must also be able to balance your academic and personal commitments. Lastly, as a trustee, effective

communication is of paramount importance. Your ability to clearly communicate your thoughts, both written and oral, in a concise and candid manner, to various audiences, is crucial to your success as a Board member.

Serving on the Board of Trustees is a tremendous opportunity to expand your understanding of the university and to develop both personally and professionally. You will be able to interact not only with other students, but also with faculty, administrators, business leaders, and community members. If this type of service interests you, I highly encourage you to apply.

The application form and additional information about the Board of Trustees can be accessed online at <http://trustees.osu.edu>. The application deadline is **March 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm**. Applications must be delivered to the Board of Trustees Office in 210 Bricker Hall. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about serving as a student trustee or if you have any questions throughout the process at reinke.12@osu.edu.

Sincerely,



Benjamin T. Reinke
Graduate/Professional Student Trustee

Application Guidelines

Graduate/Professional Student Member

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees

Graduate/Professional students are invited to apply for the position of Student Trustee on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees. Trustees at The Ohio State University have a special role in the governance of the University. More information about this role can be obtained at trustees.osu.edu.

The Governor of Ohio will appoint one Student Trustee from a pool of applicants designated by a selection committee consisting of student, faculty, and staff members. The term of the Graduate/Professional Student Trustee is two years, beginning May 2014 and ending May 2016.

To qualify, you must be an Ohio resident, enrolled as a Graduate/Professional student at The Ohio State University, in good academic standing, and not on disciplinary probation. The appointee will be expected to maintain Ohio residency and student status throughout the entire term. As required by state law, the position of Trustee is voluntary; no salary can be offered in exchange for service on the Board of Trustees.

Important Dates

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| Monday, January 27 | <i>Information Session for Prospective Applicants</i>
Location: Ohio Union, Ohio Staters, Inc. Traditions Room, Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. |
| Thursday, February 6 | <i>Information Session for Prospective Applicants</i>
Location: Ohio Union, Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite, Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, February 9 | <i>Information Session for Prospective Applicants</i>
Location: Ohio Union, Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Friday, March 7 | Applications Due by 2:00 pm (1 copy of the application must be submitted along with 2 sealed recommendation letters)

Submit Applications to:

<i>Student Trustee Selection Committee</i>
<i>210 Bricker Hall</i>
<i>190 N. Oval Mall</i>
<i>Columbus, OH 43210</i> |
| Friday, April 4 | Reception for invited applicants with current Board of Trustee Members, and the Student Trustee Selection Committee.
<i>Location and time TBD</i> |
| Sunday, April 6 | Selected applicant interviews with the Student Trustee Selection Committee
Interviews will take place between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. |

For additional information regarding the selection process, please contact Ben Reinke at reinke.12@osu.edu

Graduate/Professional Student Member Application Form

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Degree Sought: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Local Address/Phone: _____

Permanent Address/Phone: _____

Ohio Resident: Yes____ No____ (Must be an Ohio resident to apply)

Current GPA: _____

I certify that I am in good academic standing, according to the regulations and standards of my enrollment unit, and that I am not on any form of academic or disciplinary probation. I waive my privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and I authorize members of the Student Trustee Selection Committee to verify my GPA, academic rank and standing, and that I am not on academic probation with the University Registrar. If appointed to serve on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, I will make every reasonable effort to serve for the full duration of my term, and I will conscientiously seek to serve the interests of the taxpayers of the State of Ohio, the University community, and other relevant constituencies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT **ONE** COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.
APPLICATION AND RELATED MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
2:00 pm on FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

Your application must be complete at the time of submission. A complete application includes:

1. This application form, completed.
2. Updated résumé
3. Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (including a current copy of your OSU Advising Report)
4. A statement addressing the following questions (maximum of 5 pages, double-spaced, 1in. margins, and 12pt Times font):
 - a. Discuss any work, service, and leadership experiences relevant to your candidacy.
 - b. As a trustee, who is your constituency, and how would you serve/represent it?
 - c. What is the role of a leader and how can you as a trustee fulfill this role?
 - d. What do you perceive are the major issues facing the university today?
 - e. How would you as a Trustee address these issues, including student concerns?
 - f. Discuss any special talents, abilities, or attitudes that strengthen your candidacy.
 - g. Include any additional information that might strengthen your application.
5. Two letters of recommendation to support your application. At least one of these must be from an individual affiliated with The Ohio State University. Letters of recommendation must be received by **2:00 pm on March 7, 2014**. Do not copy the letters of recommendation as letters of recommendation must remain sealed. Selection Committee personnel will make necessary copies of the letters.

Please submit application materials to:

Student Trustee Selection Committee
210 Bricker Hall
190 N. Oval Mall
Columbus, OH 43210

*Incomplete applications and applications submitted to the incorrect office or address may not be accepted. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed. Cover letters will not be reviewed. Pages exceeding the 5-page maximum for the narrative statement will be removed and not considered in the review.

Please note that selected candidates must be available on the following dates:

- Friday, April 4, 2014 Reception with Board of Trustees and Selection Committee
- Sunday, April 6, 2014 Interview with the Selection Committee

Questions about the application or the process should be directed to:

Ben Reinke at reinke.12@osu.edu