



Board of Higher Education Student Member Application

Please submit your application via email to:

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For Community College Students Only

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is an advisory committee to the BHE and is composed of the student trustees and SGA Presidents from the community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts. It is the responsibility of this Council to nominate the student member of the Board of Higher Education/SAC Chairperson. In accordance with [MGL 15A, Section 4](#), the Governor annually appoints the BHE student member on the basis of recommendations submitted by the SAC. The SAC will interview and nominate no more than three full-time undergraduate students (an undergraduate student is a student who has matriculated at an institution of higher education and successfully completed high school or earned a GED) for the Governor's consideration. You **do not** need to be a student trustee or SGA President to apply for this position.

Role of the student BHE Member/SAC Chair:

- Serve on the Board of Higher Education
- Serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the SAC Executive Committee
- Serve as Chair of Student Advisory Council - See [bylaws](#) amended April 13, 2022

This role requires that you attend the regularly scheduled Student Advisory Council meetings (average of 6 meetings; typically scheduled for Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.) and the Board of Higher Education meetings (average of 6 meetings; Tuesdays 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., as well as attend weekly Executive Team meetings (date and times TBD). The SAC meetings are held on the Thursday before every BHE meeting. The BHE schedule is voted on in June, and then the complete SAC and BHE schedule is released.

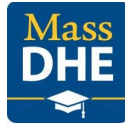
[SAC By-Laws](#)
[Roles and Responsibilities](#)

For the 2025-2026 academic period, **the voting student member on the Board of Higher Education/SAC Chairperson will be a representative from the Community College segment.** Applicants for the Student Member of the Board of Higher Education/SAC Chairperson must submit the following information:

1. Enrollment/Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Verification Letter: The Registrar must certify that you are enrolled as an undergraduate student and that you meet the required standards for satisfactory academic progress at your institution.
2. Résumé: Please include information regarding your course of study, expected graduation date, employment history, and related activities and interests.
3. Three Personal References: References may be provided by a fellow student in a leadership role, college administrator, faculty member, or other professional who can attest to your attributes to serve in this capacity.
4. Statement of Purpose: This brief essay should summarize your interest in serving on the Board of Higher Education and demonstrate your understanding of this leadership role.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 9, 2025

The selection process requires each applicant to complete an interview with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). **Interviews will be held May 15, 2025, from 4-6 p.m.** Applicants will be notified of specific details regarding interviews upon receipt of their application.



Board of Higher Education Student Member Interview Sample Questions

1. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing higher education for next year? Please prioritize these issues.
2. What do you see as the role of the student member of the Board of Higher Education?
3. How familiar are you with parliamentary procedures?
4. Can you outline the state budget process for public higher education?
5. Why do you want this position?
6. Are you aware of the time commitment for this position? Are you willing to accept the rigors of the job given the impact on your academic studies?
7. What mode of communication will you use to inform students and receive feedback from students about issues influencing public higher education in Massachusetts?