

Student Trustee 2020-2021 Application for Candidacy



January 21, 2020

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in serving Colorado College! We are delighted that you are considering applying for a position on the Board of Trustees. This letter is designed to provide you with some useful background information on the Student Trustee position and the application and election process. Please note that while the Colorado College Student Government Association (CCSGA) manages the election phase of selecting the Student Trustee, the Student Trustee is not a member of the CCSGA, but rather a student member of the Colorado College Board of Trustees.

The Student Trustee is the sole student member of the Board of Trustees, the governing body that oversees Colorado College. The Board of Trustees has many important functions, such as managing Colorado College's endowment and investments, hiring the College president, and approving tuition rates. Board business is conducted through the following five standing committees: Investment Committee; Budget and Finance Committee; Infrastructure, Buildings and Grounds Committee; Student Success Committee; and the Governance Committee. These five committees respond to an Executive Committee (consisting of the four committee chairs along with the overall Board chair, vice-chair, and secretary).

It is important to note that the Student Trustee's role is different from that of the Student Body President, or that of any other member of the Student Government. While members of the Student Government may serve as advocates for student initiatives, campaigns, and platforms, trustees serve as stewards and fiduciaries of the college, supporting long-term goals and aims.

The Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees will review all submitted applications and, at the Committee's discretion, conduct interviews with selected candidates. The Committee will select up to three Finalists to be forwarded to the student body for an election. The Finalists will then run in a campus-wide election. The Board of Trustees will vote to approve the election winner. Please pay careful attention to the election timeline, on page 4, below.

The Student Trustee is elected for a one-year term. Pursuant to the attached document, "Code of Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest," they will be held to the same standards as all other board members, serving on board standing committees and strategic project teams, and participating in all board activities. If selected as Student Trustee, you will be expected to attend the Summer Board Retreat, taking place from Wednesday, 10 June to Friday, 12 June 2020, as well as other regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year, listed in the attached document, "Future Meeting Dates."



So why run? Through your position as Student Trustee, you are afforded a unique and meaningful opportunity to shape CC's future. You will have the opportunity to represent the student body, take part in the governance of the college, and contribute toward making CC the best liberal arts institution in the nation for present and future generations. We are excited by your interest in running for Student Trustee, and wish you the best of luck in the upcoming process!

Sincerely,

Lily Weissgold '20
Student Trustee

Ethan Greenberg '20
Student Body President

Ian Roberson '21
Vice President for Internal Affairs

Kim Waldron
Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees



Election Application

Name:

CC Email:

Phone Number:

1. Are you planning to study abroad next year? Please list any time you expect to spend off campus (due to classes or otherwise) that will exceed two weeks:
2. Are you a student in good academic and conduct standing with the College?
3. Please compose a statement of no more than 800 words explaining why you are running for Student Trustee. You should articulate your vision for the Student Trustee position and for the CC community. Please also explore how your experiences and leadership skills would benefit the Board as they work collaboratively to manage the affairs of the College.
4. Please collect the signatures of 50 Colorado College students on the signature pages found below. Signature pages should be scanned and submitted with this application.
5. Please attach a one-page resume and a photo.

This application is due by 12:00pm (noon) on **Monday, February 10** to ccsga@coloradocollege.edu. Late applications will not be accepted.

*Note: all responses submitted to this application will be available to the student body as they contemplate which candidates to support.



Election Timeline:

- Tuesday 1/21: Application available
- Tuesday 1/21- Friday 1/24: Current Student Trustee Lily Weissgold will be available tabling in Worner from 12:15-1:00pm
- Tuesday 1/28: Information session #1, 12:15-1:15pm WES Room
- Tuesday 2/4: Information session #2, 12:15-1:15pm, WES Room
- Monday 2/10: Applications due by 12:00pm (noon) by email to ccsga@coloradocollege.edu
- No later than Friday 2/14: Notification of selections to interview
- Thursday 2/20: Interviews for selected candidates with Board of Trustees Governance Committee
- Wednesday 2/26: Candidates will be notified whether they were nominated to stand for election.
- Saturday 2/29: Campaigning begins at 10:00am.
- Wednesday 3/4: Candidate Debate, 5:00-6:30pm, Worner
- Thursday 3/5: Election Day

Election Rules

Up to three candidates for the position of Student Trustee, nominated by the Board of Trustees Governance Committee, will stand for election on March 5, 2020. All students of Colorado College will receive an electronic ballot via email from CCSGA in the morning. Voting closes at 7:00 p.m. Each student will be able to vote once, and each student will have one vote. The following are the official election rules.

1. Election Commission. The election shall be administered by an impartial election commission. The election commission must be comprised of members who have not, in any way, endorsed, plan to endorse or campaign on behalf of any candidate. *CCGSA Constitution Art. V § B*.
 - a. Two thirds of total members shall constitute a quorum.
 - b. All decisions require a majority vote of commissioners present.
 - c. The members of the commission shall be posted on the CCSGA website.
2. Dual Positions. No student may simultaneously serve on CCSGA and serve as Student Trustee.
3. Election Qualifications.
 - a. All candidates must be students in good academic standing with the College.
 - b. All candidates must plan to be enrolled as a student and studying on campus during fall semester 2020 and spring semester 2021.
4. Campaign Finance. No campaign shall use more than \$40 in private campaign resources.
 - a. "Private campaign resources" shall be defined as any expenditure or private donation used to campaign for the 2020-2021 Student Trustee election.
 - b. All private campaign resources shall be reported to CCSGA by 11:59PM on Thursday, March 5, 2020. All receipts must be emailed to ccsga@coloradocollege.edu.
 - c. No private campaign resources will be reimbursed or otherwise subsidized
 - d. Public campaign resources shall not be limited in use by these Rules. "Public campaign resources" shall include, but shall not limited to printing campaign



information from a public College printer or using chalk from the Worner Center desk.

5. College policy and procedure. All campaigning shall conform to Colorado College policy and procedure, including but not limited to the student policy and procedure outlined in the *Pathfinder*.
6. Worner Box Campaigning. Use of Worner Boxes or other Colorado College mailroom facilities to campaign is prohibited.
7. Posters. Posters shall not be hung in facilities operated by Bon Appetit. Posters shall not be hung on the Televisions in Worner Campus Center. Posters may be hung in other College buildings. Candidates are advised to check with individual RLCs before campaigning in any on-campus housing building. All campaign material shall be removed from the Worner Campus Center by 11:59PM Wednesday, March 4th, 2020.
8. Penalty and Disqualification. The Election Commission reserves the ability to penalize and/or disqualify any candidate for violation of the CCSGA Bylaws and/or these Rules. *CCSGA Bylaws* art. II § D.
 - a. Consultation. The Election Commission shall consult with the CCSGA advisor prior to disqualifying any candidate.
 - b. Due Process. All candidates shall be entitled to due process as their case is considered and decided by the Election Commission. All candidates shall be entitled to testify for the Election Commission.
 - c. Appeals. Any candidate wishing to challenge an election result shall submit his or her complaint in writing to the Election Commission within 24 hours after the election closes. The complaint shall include a meaningful remedy in response to the alleged wrong. The Election Commission shall investigate all complaints. After the investigation, the Election Commission shall be responsible for deciding what actions, if any, shall be taken. The decision of the Election Commission shall be final.
9. Transparency. Decisions of the Election Commission shall be posted online.
 - a. By majority vote, the Election Commission shall be entitled to withhold information from disclosure.
10. Write-in Candidates. There shall be no write-in candidacy for this election.
11. Results. The winners shall be announced online and via email to the student body.
12. Modifications to these rules. CCSGA and the Election Commission reserve the right to modify these rules and/or the election timeline.



Candidate Name: _____

By signing below, I confirm that the above candidate will effectively perform the duties of the Student Trustee.

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