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Excelsior Charter Schools

Student Board Member Application — 2026–2027

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Excelsior Charter Schools Student Board Member! This program gives students a chance to be involved in important school decisions, share their ideas, and build leadership skills.

As a student board member, you will help connect students with the school board by speaking up about student ideas, concerns, and experiences. You'll be part of conversations about school policies, support positive changes, and help make Excelsior an even better place for all students.

This role is an opportunity to represent your peers and make sure student voices are heard by the Board of Directors.

Quick Timeline

- **Applications Open:** April 8, 2026
- **Applications Due:** No later than May 11th 2026, by 4:00pm
- **Interviews:** May 13th , 2026, via zoom
- **Notification of Selection:** May 20th, 2026
- **Term of Service:** August 2026 - May 2027

How to submit: Complete this application and email it to Mr. Chris Kirkpatrick, Advisor at christopherki@excelsior.com.

Eligibility

Applicants should meet the following: - Currently enrolled at an Excelsior Charter Schools high school campus (**Grades 9–12**). - Minimum **2.0 cumulative GPA** (exceptions may be considered with principal recommendation). - In good standing with attendance and behavior expectations. - Able to attend **monthly Board meetings** (in person or via Zoom) and occasional special meetings. - Able to dedicate **up to 10 hours per month** for board meetings, advisory, preparation, and outreach. - If under 18, **parent/guardian consent** is required.



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Application Checklist *(attach to your submission)*

- Completed application form (all sections)
- Short-response answers (Section 5)
- 1 staff recommendation (Section 6)

Excelsior Charter Schools Board of Directors Meetings- San Bernardino County

School Board meeting dates are not yet finalized for the upcoming term. However, meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15, with locations alternating between the Central Office and the Ontario School Campus. Applicants should plan for availability during these times (in-person or via zoom), as consistent attendance is an important responsibility of the Student Board Member role.

Excelsior Charter Schools Corona-Norco Board of Directors Meetings- Riverside County

School Board meeting dates are not yet finalized for the upcoming term. However, meetings are typically held on the second Thursday, at the Corona School Campus. Applicants should plan for availability during these times (in-person or via zoom), as consistent attendance is an important responsibility of the Student Board Member role.

What You'll Do

- Represent Excelsior student body at Board meetings and share student perspectives on key topics.
- Gather input from classmates through surveys, campus visits, and student forums.
- Collaborate with Excelsior advisor and leadership to promote an inclusive, student-centered culture.
- Advocate for ideas that improve learning, equity, and overall student experience.

1) Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ **Pronouns (optional):** _____



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Campus: _____ Current Grade: _____

Student Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Board Meeting Availability: Zoom preferred In-person preferred

Technology: I have reliable internet/Zoom access I may need support

2) Academics & Availability

Cumulative GPA: _____ Most recent term GPA (optional): _____

List any recurring weekly commitments (sports, work, clubs, family care, etc.) and typical times:

3) Activities & Leadership

List up to **five** recent activities (clubs, jobs, volunteer work, teams, leadership roles, honors). Add dates and responsibilities.



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4) Short-Response Questions

Answer the **three** prompts below. 150–200 words each. Please attach on separate paper for these answers.

A. Why do you want to serve as an Excelsior Student Board Member? What strengths would you bring to the role?

B. What student issues or initiative do you believe matter to the Excelsior student body (e.g., learning, equity, school culture, mental health). Of these issues, what would you like to focus on during your term and how would you help the Board understand students' perspectives on this issue?

C. Share a time you worked with others to solve a problem or lead a project. What did you learn?

6) Recommender Information (Staff)

Please request a letter of recommendation from one Excelsior staff member (teacher, counselor, advisor, coach, or administrator) who can speak to your character and leadership. Provide their contact information below. Submit the letter of recommendation with your application. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Kirkpatrick, Advisor, at christopherki@excelsior.com before the application deadline.

Staff Name & Role: _____

Campus/Department: _____

7) Student Acknowledgments

Please read and initial each statement.

___ I understand the time commitment (approximately **10 hours per month**) and will attend Board meetings, advisory, and preparation sessions.



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____ I will communicate professionally, uphold Excelsior’s student code of conduct, and represent all students respectfully.

____ I understand this is a **non-voting advisory** role focused on student voice and leadership.

____ I agree to gather student feedback and to report it accurately to the Board and school leadership.

8) Parent/Guardian Consent (Required if under 18)

I support my student’s application and understand the time commitment and responsibilities. I give permission for my student to attend Board meetings (in person or via Zoom). Transportation may be required for in-person meetings/events.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Emergency Contact (name & phone): _____

Media/Photo Release (optional): I consent I do not consent

9) Student Signature

I certify that the information provided is accurate and that the short-responses are my own work.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submission Instructions

- **Email:** Send this completed application (PDF or scanned copy) and any optional attachments to christopherki@excelsior.com no later than April 30, 2026, by 4:00pm.
- **Subject line:** *Student Board Member Application – [Your Name]*



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- **Questions?** Contact Mr. Chris Kirkpatrick, Student Board Advisor at christopherki@excelsior.com or 760-245-4262 ext. 1404.

Accessibility & Support

Excelsior welcomes all applicants. If you need translation, accessibility accommodations, or help completing any part of this application, please contact Christopher Kirkpatrick at christopherk@excelsior.com. We will gladly assist.

Reviewer Notes — For Internal Use Only

Application Eligibility Review:

- Current Excelsior Student Grade 9-12
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- No attendance or behavior concerns
- Availability to attend Board Meetings (in-person or virtual)
- Staff Recommendation Letter
- Short Answer Essays

Short Answer Essays Review:

- Alignment to Student Voice & equity (0-4)
- Leadership & Collaboration (0-4)
- Feasibility of Representation Plan (0-4)
- Communication Clarity (0-4)
- Commitment & Reliability (0-4)

Total (0-20): _____

Recommendation to Interview: YES _____ NO _____