

Student Trustee 2013-14 Application for Candidacy



January 26, 2014

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in serving Colorado College! We are delighted that you are considering running 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 election and selection process. The Colorado College Student Government Association (CCSGA) manages the election phase of selecting the Student Trustee, but please note the Student Trustee is not a member of the CCSGA, but rather a student member of the Colorado College Board of Trustees. The CCSGA election commission manages the election and the head of the commission, the Internal Affairs Vice President, will collect and count votes, along with the Associate Dean of Students.

Please note that the election is to determine three finalists for the position, who are the top three vote-receiving candidates from the election. These three finalists are eligible for selection as the Student Trustee by the Board of Trustees Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will select the Student Trustee from the three finalists based off of the candidate's resumes, applications, and interviews.

The Board of Trustees is the body that oversees the activities of Colorado College. Campus administration, including President Jill Tiefenthaler, report to the Board of Trustees. As such, the Board retains final authority over the direction of the College. The Student Trustee is a full time, voting member of the Colorado College Board of Trustees. During the Student Trustee's one-year term, he, she, or ze will be held to the same standards as all other voting board members. They will serve on board standing committees, strategic project teams, and participate in all board activities. The Student Trustee is expected to attend and fully participate in all Board of Trustee meetings and functions.

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. This year, elections for Student Government and Student Trustee are occurring at different times, so as to best differentiate the two roles.

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 election!

Sincerely,

Joel Begay
Student Trustee

Isaac Green
Student Body President

Election Application

Name:

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. Is your GPA equal to or higher than 3.0? (Your G.P.A. must be higher than a 3.0)
3. Are you a student in good academic and conduct standing with the College?
4. 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.

Please also attach a one-page resume and a photo.

This application is due by 5:00PM on Monday, February 17th to jacob.walden@coloradocollege.edu. You must also turn in a petition for candidacy to the Worner Desk by that time. 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 (subject to change):

- **Monday January 27th** - Application available on CCSGA website
- **Thursday, February 6th** - Information session - 5PM, WES Room
- **Monday, February 17th** - Applications due by 5PM to jacob.walden@coloradocollege.edu
- **Monday, February 17th** – MANDATORY Candidates meeting, 5PM, WES Room
- **Monday, February 17th** - Campaigning begins at 6 PM
- **Thursday, February 20th** - Student Trustee Candidates' Debate - 5:00-6:30PM, East Rastall
- **Monday, February 24th** - Election Day, voting closes at 7PM

Election Rules

The election of the three 2013-2014 Student Trustee finalists shall be held online on Monday, February 25th, 2013. All students of Colorado College will receive an electronic ballot via email from CCSGA on Monday morning. Voting closes at 7pm. Each student will be able to vote for three candidates. The following are the official election rules.

1. Election Timeline. The election of the three 2013-2014 Student Trustee finalists shall be held online on Monday, February 24th, 2013. All students of Colorado College shall receive an electronic ballot via email from CCSGA at approximately 8:00AM on Monday, February 24th, 2013. Voting shall close at 7:00PM. Votes received after 7:00PM shall not be counted.
2. 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. *CCSGA Constitution* art. V § B.
 - a. Two thirds of total members shall constitute a quorum.
 - b. All decisions will shall a majority vote of commissioners present.
 - c. The members of the commission shall be posted on the CCSGA website.
3. Dual Positions. No student may simultaneously serve on CCSGA and serve as Student Trustee.
4. 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 2013 and spring semester 2014. However, candidates shall not be required to be enrolled as a full-time student during that time.
 - c. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required for candidacy.
5. 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 2013-2014 Student Trustee election.
 - b. All private campaign resources shall be reported to the election commission by 11:59PM on Sunday, February 23, 2013. All receipts must be submitted to the Worner Center Desk by that time, or emailed to jacob.walden@coloradocollege.edu.
 - c. Any personal printing shall be disclosed at a rate of .10¢/page.
 - d. Public campaign resources shall not be limited in use by these Rules. "Public campaign resources" shall include, but shall not be limited to printing campaign information from a public College printer or using chalk from the Worner Center desk.
6. 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*.
 7. Worner Box Campaigning. Use of Worner Boxes or other Colorado College mailroom facilities to campaign is prohibited.
 8. 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.
 9. Election Day. All campaign material shall be removed from the Worner Campus Center by 11:59PM on Sunday, February 23, 2013.
 10. Penalty and Disqualification. The Election Commission reserves the ability to penalize and/or disqualify any candidate for violation of the CCSGA Constitution and/or these Rules. *CCSGA Constitution* art. V § A.
 - 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.
 11. 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.
 12. Write-in Candidates. There shall be no write-in candidacy for this election.
 13. Three Finalists. The top three candidates shall be announced online and via email to the student body.

14. 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 a student trustee.

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