



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT TRUSTEE APPLICATION

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for Student Trustee are invited to submit a completed application and resume in electronic format to aubot@american.edu. Applicants must be able to affirm that they are full time students in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time they make application.

The Student Government President, Graduate Leadership Council Chair, and Student Bar Association President will select candidates for personal interviews early in September. The interview pool will include at least one student from each student government constituency: undergraduate, graduate, and law.

Following the interviews, the student government leaders will submit the name(s) of one or more candidates for consideration by the Board of Trustees' Trusteeship Committee. The Trusteeship Committee will nominate one candidate to the Board for election as Student Trustee. The election of any person to the Board requires the approval of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. [American University Bylaws, Article III, Section 3]

JOB DESCRIPTION

The American University Student Trustee is a regular member of the Board for purposes of meeting and committee participation and other general obligations of trusteeship, but does not have the power to vote. The Board meets four times a year, in September, November, February and May and exercises its powers of responsibility for the University in the following matters: (a) elects the President of the University, appoints the Secretary, and approves the appointments of the Provost, Vice Presidents, and deans; (b) establishes University policies, to be executed by the President; (c) assists, guides, and evaluates the progress of the University and receives reports from the President in this regard; (d) elects Board members and officers; (e) approves full-time and tenured faculty appointments recommended by the President; (f) confers degrees; (g) appoints committees it deems necessary; (h) assists in raising funds to support the University; and (i) preserves and protects University operations and properties. [American University Bylaws, Article III, Section 10]

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates for Student Trustee will be expected to present evidence of exemplary academic achievement and involvement in the American University community. Because there is only one Student Trustee, the successful candidate will be conversant with the issues important to most students at American University, regardless of their programs of study, and will demonstrate a general understanding of how university policies and operations affect student life. Candidates should be able to accept the responsibilities associated with Board service without negative consequences for their academic performance. Graduate and law students who also earned their undergraduate degrees at American University are especially encouraged to apply.

TIMELINE

Please submit the application and an attached resume electronically to aubot@american.edu.

The Student Trustee's term will begin at the November Board meeting and conclude at the end of the May Board meeting. The Student Trustee will be eligible to apply for membership on the Board following completion of the application made available in the spring.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

School and Year: _____

ID Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please complete the following application questions in a concise matter. Answer each question fully in no more than 200 words.

- Are you a full time student in good academic and disciplinary standing?
- What interests you in the student trustee position?
- What have you done to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities of trusteeship?
- How will you work to understand the issues and concerns of students at the undergraduate, graduate, and law school levels?
- How will you communicate your actions as a member of the Board to the student community?