



NIRSA Member Network - NIRSA Student Leader Position Description

NIRSA IS A DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO BE recognized internationally as the leader in recreation within higher education, dedicated to excellence in student and professional development, education, research and standards. NIRSA's commitment, creativity and strategic partnerships are consistently demonstrated through outstanding programs, facilities, and services.

The Member Network is the primary vehicle for communication, constituent representation, networking and student/professional development.

The NIRSA Student Leader (NSL) will have the following duties and functions, including, but not limited to:

- Serve as a leader to the entire student membership and potential new student members.
- Develop a work plan for student annual goals, in conjunction with the Student Leadership Team (SLT), to achieve the student specific tactics in NIRSA's Strategic Plan.
- Maintain a working relationship and constant communication with the Regional Representatives and the Regional Student Leaders (RSL) in an effort to create synergies among the regions.
- Work in conjunction with the Past President Representative, who will serve as the NIRSA Student Leader's primary mentor and resource.
- Identify and communicate with the Member Network Board of Directors Representative goals/issues to be addressed by the NIRSA Board of Directors. In addition, the NSL will submit a report prior to the Annual conference that will be shared with the Member Network, NIRSA Board of Directors and members at the Annual Meeting of Members

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Regional Student Leader**
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- Be present and engaged in Member Network meetings, including monthly teleconferences and face-to-face meetings that occur during the Annual Conference and in the summer.
- Assist and support the State/Provincial Student Leaders.
- Chair and be responsible for the agenda and student report at the Student Member Connection Meeting.
- Chair, and appoint RSLs to the Horace Moody Award Committee.
- Coordinate the NIRSA Mentoring Program with NIRSA HQ, Past Presidents' Representative and the SLT
- Lead the planning of student functions at the annual conference, in coordination with the entire SLT and the NIRSA Headquarters Staff. Serve as a resource for the Student Professional Development (SPD) committee in planning the annual J. Michael Dunn Student Professional Development Pre-conference workshop.
- Create and/or enhance a sustainable process to prepare incoming Member Network Regional Student Leaders and State/Provincial Student Leader for their new roles.
- Recommend student members for committee appointment.
- Submit an article for each issue of the NIRSA Know newsletter.
- Ensure regular communication to student members through various forms of outreach.
- Assist with updating the student portion of the Member Network handbook and refine/revise with assistance from NIRSA Headquarters.
- Submit a proposal for a student roundtable and/or educational session at the annual conference.
- Assist with the appointment of a replacement for any Regional Student Leader position that becomes vacant during the leadership year, per documented procedures.
- Serve on the Nominations & Appointments Committee and represent students on other committees or work teams as assigned.

In order to fulfill these responsibilities, the NIRSA Student Leader is expected to represent student interests at the Annual Conference and Student Member Connection Meeting. Additional travel to 1-3 Association-wide events (such as Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders Conference) may be deemed necessary, if time, funding, and interest are available to accomplish goals set by the Member Network and/or Student Leadership Team. To accomplish the duties and functions of a NIRSA Student Leader, appropriate funding within the NIRSA annual operating budget will be available.

Term of Office:

The NIRSA Student Leader (NSL) is elected by the student membership for a period of one year from May 1 to April 30.

Qualifications:

- Any NIRSA student member in good standing for twelve months prior to election is eligible to serve as the NIRSA Student Leader.
- Student must be in good academic standing as defined by their institution.
- Any student member may be nominated by another student member or may self-nominate.
- An elected individual is required to maintain their student status during a minimum of the fall term after they are elected to office. They must continue to be a NIRSA member throughout their term of office.