



**Educators Rising Nebraska**

**State Officer Candidate Application**



**Congratulations! You've taken the first step toward becoming an Educators Rising Nebraska State Officer. An Officer's year is one of exciting challenges, countless opportunities, and lifelong friendships.**

**Review the information in this packet carefully. Be sure you are ready to accept the responsibilities of the office before you commit to running. Holding an Educators Rising state office is a time, travel, and financial commitment. Officers who are unable to meet the commitments of their position will be required to forfeit their office.**

**All applicants must be current Educators Rising members and must be a junior entering senior year for the following school year.**

**Nine items are to be submitted in your State Officer (SO) Candidate Application packet to Educators Rising Nebraska no later than February 1, 2021.**

- ☐ **State Officer Candidate Application (with resume and video)**
- ☐ **Principle Permission Statement**
- ☐ **Conduct & Procedures Code Form**
- ☐ **Medical Release Form**
- ☐ **Print and Web Media Release Form**
- ☐ **Two (2) Personal References for State Educators Rising Officer Candidate (in sealed envelopes)**
- ☐ **State Educators Rising Meeting Dates**
- ☐ **State Officer Contact Information Sheet**
- ☐ **State Officer Acceptance Contract**

**All forms are to be received at the temporary Educators Rising Nebraska office no later than February 1, 2021. All forms other than the sealed references should be uploaded as a pdf and emailed to the State Advisor, contact info below. Sealed references should be mailed via US Mail.**

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**All applications will be reviewed and notification of approval as a candidate will be communicated to both the candidate and the advisor via email no later than February 8, 2021.**

**Prior to the State Conference in March:**

**Prepare a 2-3-minute speech to be given to Educators Rising student voting delegates live via Zoom the week of March 8th. The speech subject can be found on page 15 of this document. Following the speeches, there will be a five (5) minute question and answer interview with Educators Rising voting delegates. The week of March 8th, each candidate will meet with the Educators Rising Board Officer Election Committee for a ten (10) minute question and answer interview.**

**It is your responsibility to make a copy of this packet for your information and records. Copies of State Officer candidate packets will not be released from the Nebraska Department of Education and/or Educators Rising Nebraska for any reason.**



## **Educators Rising Nebraska State Officer Duties**

### **President:**

- Shall represent Educators Rising at special events
- Assign his/her officer's responsibilities for projects, conferences, training and special events
- Develop a Program of Work for State Officers
- Attend all Executive Committee Meetings
- Assist with planning, organization, facilitation and supervision of regional and state conferences
- Contact and communicate with state officer and state adviser on a regular basis

### **Secretary:**

- Shall represent Educators Rising at special events
- Take notes and develop meeting minutes for Advisory Board Meetings and all officer meetings
- Attend all Executive Committee Meetings
- Assist in the development a Program of Work for State Officers
- Assist with planning, organization, facilitation and supervision of regional and state conferences
- Participate in projects, conferences, training, special events

### **Vice President of Communications:**

- Shall represent Educators Rising at special events
- Assist in the development of the Program of Work for State Officers
- Manage communications of the state association
- Attend all Executive Committee Meetings
- Assist with planning, organization, and facilitation of regional and state conferences
- Participate in projects, conferences, training, special events

### **Vice President of Membership:**

- Shall represent Educators Rising at special events
- Assist in the development of the Program of Work for State Officers
- Develop and carry out membership drives
- Attend all Executive Committee Meetings
- Assist in planning and organization, and facilitation of regional and state conferences
- Participate in projects, conferences, trainings, special events

### **All Educators Rising Officers:**

- Will maintain at least a 3.0 G.P.A.
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership while performing officer duties and otherwise
- Be available to attend officer meetings and trainings
- Communicate directly to State EdRising Adviser of any scheduling conflicts that limit their participation
- Have on file all forms required by the Nebraska Department of Education
- Wear appropriate Educators Rising Officer dress to all functions
- Be a member of an active Educators Rising Affiliated Chapter
- Attend State Officer Trainings, Educators Rising Chapter Officer Trainings, and the Educators Rising Fall Conferences
- Attend the National Conference



## Educators Rising Nebraska Officer Candidate Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's and/or Guardian's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you became an active Educators Rising member: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach resume containing the following information: name, school, activities, sports, offices held, committee memberships, honors received, chapter event participation, and other youth, civic, social, or school activities that offer a better insight to your character.

Rank each office (1-4) with a one being the office you feel most confidently matches your skills and a four being the office you feel least matches your skills. Do not duplicate numbers.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President of Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President of Communications

In a 3-minute video to be viewed and scored by the Educators Rising Board Officer Election Team, describe the skills and personality characteristics you have that would make you an effective state officer for Educators Rising Nebraska. Give specific examples or situations where you have displayed these skills. Upload your video on a private link through YouTube and include the link below.

YouTube Video Link: \_\_\_\_\_



**Educators Rising Nebraska State Association  
School Principal's Permission Statement**

Full name of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is an applicant for an Educators Rising State Office. (Student Candidate's Name)

If elected, the state Educators Rising activities will take the student out of school for multiple school days during the school year unless the candidate's local school responsibilities are jeopardized by his/her state assignments and duties.

The above-named student is doing satisfactory work and is in good standing in all classes. He/she has maintained at least a "B" average (3.0 out of 4.0 scale) in his/her schoolwork based on last semester and so far, this semester. I recommend this person as a candidate for Educators Rising Nebraska State Office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## State Office Conduct & Procedure Code

Nebraska Educators Rising requires each state officer to read and complete this form and return it to the state office in order to complete his/her state officer application process.

1. Appropriate dress of businesslike attire will be expected. Official dress or uniform will be worn at all state-approved activities, meetings, or conferences.
2. There shall be no defacing of property. Any damages to any property or furnishings in hotel rooms, meeting rooms, or conference locations must be paid by the individual responsible and may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
3. State officers shall keep their state adviser informed of their Nebraska Educators Rising official activities and participation in the activities at all times.
4. State officers shall be prompt and prepared for all official activities.
5. State officers must be in their sleeping rooms and quiet at curfew. Curfew will be established by the state adviser.
6. No alcoholic beverages or narcotics of any form shall be possessed at any time, under any circumstances, while representing Nebraska Educators Rising. Possession of such substances may subject the individual to criminal prosecution.
7. No use of tobacco products will be permitted while a delegate is representing his/her local school and career student organization.
8. State officers are required to attend all assigned activities such as workshops, competitive events, committee meetings, delegate assemblies, state officer meetings, etc. If a state officer cannot fulfill an assignment, the state adviser must be notified immediately.
9. Identification badges will be worn at all times while serving in official capacity as a state officer.
10. Male and female officers may not be in the same sleeping room unless an adviser/sponsor is present in the room.
11. Conduct not conducive to an educational conference will not be allowed. Such conduct includes actions disrupting a businesslike atmosphere, association with non-conference individuals or activities that endanger self/others.
12. State officers report directly to the state adviser for state officer responsibilities. A state officer must also work closely with his/her chapter adviser in activities and assignments.
13. All official correspondence as a state officer should be keyed correctly using proper letter style. A copy of all official correspondence as a state officer must be sent to the state adviser. All correspondence mailed by the state officer should be proofread by the local adviser.
14. The state adviser will use his/her discretion in calling on a state officer (past or present) to represent the organization.
15. Education always takes precedence. State officers must plan accordingly so that problems do not occur.
16. Official travel by a Nebraska Educators Rising state officer must have approval from the state adviser and will require chapter adviser and parent/guardian approval. A State Officer Travel Authorization Form should be received in the state office two weeks before each scheduled meeting. A state officer traveling with the state adviser in a state vehicle leaving from Lincoln is responsible for his/her own transportation to/from Lincoln.
17. When expenses are paid by the state organization, reimbursement will be made directly to the state officer after submission of an expense reimbursement sheet.
18. An up to date itinerary must be prepared and left with parents, local advisers, and the state office staff.



## State Officer Conduct & Procedure Code Continued

### Procedures:

The state officer shall be responsible to the state adviser while serving in the capacity of a state officer.

Officers violating the Conduct & Procedures Code will be dealt with by the Nebraska Educators Rising Board of Directors, the policy-making body for the association, in cooperation with the local adviser and local school administration. The officer may be sent home at their own expense and/or removed from office.

I have read and fully understand the Nebraska Educators Rising State Officer Conduct & Procedures Code and agree to comply with these conduct/procedures guidelines. Furthermore, I am aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the above guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Educators Rising Officer Candidate signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

We approve the student named to attend state-approved Educators Rising activities. We understand and agree to the provisions as stipulated in the State Officer Conduct & Procedures Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adviser signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



NEBRASKA

**Educators Rising Nebraska Medical Release Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Parent/Guardian Name Address  
\_\_\_\_\_, am the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
City State Zip Code Relationship to Student Candidate  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Candidate's Name Address

I hereby give my consent, in the event all reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, for immediate medical treatment as required in the judgment of the attending physician while the aforementioned is absent from home during his/her term of office as an Educators Rising State Officer.

Student Candidate's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Dentist: : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

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Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Any hospital or practitioner not having access to a medical history needs the following information:

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication being taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical impairments: \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent facts to which physician should be alerted:





Educators Rising Nebraska Medical Release Form Continued

**If Parent/Guardian cannot be reached in case of emergency, call:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Choice Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Second Choice Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

**In a medical emergency, I consent to the local/state adviser or appointed agent, his, her, or their discretion in using, taking, arranging for or consenting to the procedures or treatment. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Educators Rising Nebraska Association, the individual members, agents, employees, and representatives thereof, for any and all claims, demands, actions, rights of action, and or judgments by or on behalf of the above named member arising from or on account of said procedures and/or treatment rendered in good faith and according to accepted medical standards.**

**I assume the total financial responsibility for the above-named member and will not hold the Educators Rising Nebraska Association responsible in the event of a medical emergency.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian name [print])

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## Print and Web Media Release

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to allow publication of photographic and information releases about the individual named above. Media may include, but not be limited to conference programs, conference materials, the Educators Rising Nebraska website, and pre- and post-conference mailings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Educators Rising Officer Candidate signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adviser signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## Personal Reference for Educators Rising Officer Candidate

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Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Keys for marking:  
 5-Superior  
 4-Excellent  
 3-Good  
 2-Fair  
 1-Poor

CHARACTER	Mark X in appropriate column				
	5	4	3	2	1
1. Acceptable personal appearance (well-groomed)					
2. Shows interest in position of state officer					
3. Acceptable personal behavior					
4. Personal traits:					
a. Sense of Humor					
b. Trustworthiness					
c. Goes above and beyond (effort)					
d. Honesty					
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>					
1. Ability to carry out instructions					
2. Effort in terms of ability					
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>					
1. Punctuality; including meeting deadlines and attendance					
2. Organization ability (possesses skills to serve as state officer)					
3. Assumes responsibility					
4. Works well with others, is a team player					
5. Ability to use time well					
6. Ability to accept criticism					
7. Shows enthusiasm for Educators Rising					
8. Charismatic leader who others follow					

See back for more information.

<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>Mark X in appropriate column</b>				
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
1. Chapter (knowledge of organization, participation in activities)					
2. Home (family members and students are willing to cooperate in working out needed transportation, use of time, money, and home responsibilities)					
3. School (participates in activities in proportion to the whole school program, home obligations, and personal energies and time)					
4. Community Involvement (church and other youth organizations)					

**Do you feel that this student is ready to assume the responsibilities and obligations of being an Educators Rising State Officer?**

**Yes**\_\_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position or Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you known this student?** \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Educators Rising Mandatory Meeting Dates**

### **State Officer Training:**

- ✓ April – Parent/Officer/State Adviser Meeting
- ✓ Late May/Early June– State Officer Leadership Academy

### **Advisory Board Meetings**

- ✓ Monthly Zoom sessions via computer/phone or in-person, day-long sessions post pandemic

### **Chapter Officer Leadership Academy**

- ✓ September – 2 days with overnight in Firth, NE

### **Educators Rising Fall Conferences**

- ✓ Mid-September (Omaha) & Mid-November(Western Nebraska - overnight stay)

### **State Conference & Competitions**

- ✓ March (Lincoln - overnight stay post pandemic)

### **National Conference & Competitions**

- ✓ Late June or Early July

### **Commissioner's Recognition**

- ✓ November - President only

### **Legislative Day**

- ✓ February (Lincoln - overnight stay post pandemic)

### **Chapter Visits**

- ✓ As requested via Zoom or in person post pandemic

### **Statement of Intent:**

I fully understand the responsibilities and obligations of an Educators Rising Nebraska Officer. If elected, I will fulfill all expectations and assignments. I understand that failing to fulfill any obligation could result in disciplinary action.

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(Educators Rising Officer Candidate signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent/Guardian signature)

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(Date)



## **Educators Rising Nebraska State Officer Contact Information Sheet**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adviser name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adviser email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Election:**

Educators Rising Nebraska Officers will be announced during the closing session of the State Conference. Votes and scores will be tallied prior to the conference by Educators Rising State Adviser.

### **Educators Rising Nebraska Speech Topic:**

You will prepare a two to three-minute speech on the topic below to be given to voting delegates prior to the State Conference. You may use notes or index cards during the speech. Warning signs will be displayed when you are getting to the end of your time and you will be stopped at 3 minutes.

Please keep in mind that your speech will be evaluated on the following:

- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Accuracy of information
- ❖ Interesting and unique content
- ❖ Overall quality of delivery

**You are an Educators Rising State Officer. Your adviser has invited you to speak to the sophomore class about EdRising. Keep in mind that your audience knows little about EdRising. What will you say? Address the sophomore class from the standpoint that they are all prospective members for next year.**





**Educators Rising Nebraska  
State Officer Candidate Acceptance Contract**

I have read and fully understand all information contained in the Educators Rising Nebraska State Officer Candidate Application and the related pages from the State Officer section of the Educators Rising Nebraska Chapter Advisers Handbook. I agree to these provisions and understand that failure to meet the obligations will subject the candidate to removal from office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adviser signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

By signing below, I give assurance that I understand the duties and time commitments for which I am responsible if elected to state office. I have investigated all potential time conflicts (sports teams, special events, extra-curricular activities, employment commitments, and other activities such as Boy's/Girl's State, ACT/SAT tests, etc.). Based on this investigation, I agree that I can and will fulfill all state officer duties. I understand that failure to do so means removal from my office.

Duties of an Educators Rising Nebraska state officer include as a minimum: attendance at the state officer training session(s), active participation at required conferences, participation in planning meetings scheduled throughout the year, and timely, businesslike communications (newsletters, correspondence, forms and reports).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Educators Rising Officer Candidate signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)